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CONSTANTINE TRIES AGAIN TO PUT A GOOD FACE ON HIS TREACHERY TO GREECE AND HOSTILITY TO ENTENTE

In Lengthy Interview With Associated Press Correspondent Pro-German on Greek Throne Says Allies Have Misunderstood Greeks; Gives Vent to Wrathful Feeling Against Patriot Venizelos

New York, Feb. 23.—The Associated Press has just received the following dispatch by mail from its correspondent at Athens, dated Jan. 14, just before the correspondent left Greece to come by a devious route to the United States:

King Constantine received the Associated Press correspondent in audience to-day just before the latter left for the United States. This is the Greek New Year's Day and before the interview the correspondent assisted, with King Constantine, Queen Sophie, the Princess Helen and the young Prince Paul, at the time-honored New Year's ceremony, at which a band of Greeks chanted choruses in praise of king and country in the great hall of the palace.

"I am sorry you are leaving us," King Constantine began abruptly. "I do not believe that there is a man or woman in Greece who does not feel very profoundly what a great thing it has been for us during this most critical period in our national history to have a correspondent of the Associated Press here to tell the world with absolute impartiality the truth about what is taking place. They tell me, however, that a good many of your telegrams to the Associated Press never got by the censors." The King laughed a little ruefully. "You have nothing on me," he added. "Neither do mine."

"I am afraid there is no way," he went on. "We might as well be in a dungeon here for all the touch we have with the rest of the world."
His "Denials."
"The most ridiculous, the most outrageous nonsense about what is happening in Greece is published daily in the European press, presumably written by journalists who are not even on the spot to see the facts for themselves. And when my government sends official denials of them the European papers will not even publish the denials."
"Take this letter for example. As you see, it is from ex-Mayor Bannakis, who was arrested on Dec. 2 during the attempted Venizelist revolution. A French newspaper published a story that Bannakis was so badly mistreated that his right arm had to be amputated and he was on the point of death. Far from having his arm amputated, he writes me a letter with it, as you see, expressing his gratitude for the kindness with which he has been treated and assuring me that he is my most loyal and devoted subject."
Droppers Investigated.
"The American Minister, Mr. Dropers, personally investigated the treatment of those who were imprisoned on charges of sedition as a result of the abortive revolution of Dec. 1 and 2, and told me himself that he found them very comfortable. My government, therefore, telegraphed the French press a denial of the Bannakis story, as well as of any number of similar fabrications, but I have never heard of any of the denials being published."

Not Always Angels.
"After all, all we ask is fair play. We have been sorely tried these past two years, and we do not pretend to have always been angels under the constant irritation of the ever-increasing control by the Entente of every little thing in our own private life—letters, telegrams, police, everything. Why, do you know that my sister-in-law, Princess Alice of Hattenburg, was only permitted to receive a telegram of Christmas greetings from her mother in England by courtesy of the British legation?"
"Moreover, by taking an active hand in our own internal politics, Britain and France, especially, have succeeded in alienating an admiration, a sympathy and a devotion towards them on the part of the Greek people that at the beginning of the war was virtually an unanimous tradition. I am a soldier myself and I know nothing about politics, but it seems to me that when you start with almost the whole of a country passionately in your favor and end with it almost unanimously against you, you have not succeeded very well. And I quite understand how those responsible for such a result seek to excuse themselves by exaggerating the difficulties they have had to contend with in Greece—by talking about Greek treachery and the immense sinister organization of German propaganda that has fanned them at every turn, and so on. The only trouble with that is that they make us pay for the errors of their policy. The people of Greece are paying for them now in suffering and death from exposure and hunger while France and Britain starve us out because they have made the mistake of assuming that their man Venizelos could deliver the Greek army and the Greek people to the Entente Powers whenever they wanted to use Greece for their advantage, regardless of the

TO HEAR WESTERN MEN AT TORONTO

Committee on Care of Returned Soldiers Arranges Its Programme

A SUBCOMMITTEE
MAY VISIT WINNIPEG

Acting Director of Medical Services Heard To-day at Ottawa

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The parliamentary committee inquiring into the question of the care of returned soldiers this forenoon arranged its programme on future meetings covering eastern Canada. It is altogether likely that the committee will not visit the west, but it will hold special sittings in Toronto on March 22 and 23 to hear witnesses from the four western provinces. The committee may decide as a result of these hearings that a trip to Winnipeg, at least, is necessary. In that event a sub-committee will be named to take additional western evidence in Winnipeg.

The committee also will sit in Toronto on March 21 and 22 to hear witnesses from Ontario and Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces will be covered at sittings to be held in Montreal on March 15 and 16.

The committee will adjourn this afternoon until Thursday next, when it will meet again in this city for a couple of days.

Sir Herbert Ames, the chairman, stated this forenoon that the committee would make a report on its deliberations to Parliament a few days after the House resumes on April 19.

Col. Potter heard.

The examination of Col. Potter, acting Director of Medical Services for the Militia Department, was concluded this forenoon. He was closely questioned by H. B. Bennett, Director-General of National Service, as to his power to revise reports of medical boards on which pensions are fixed by the Dominion Pensions Board. Mr. Bennett said that this was important, because if the Department could vary these reports it meant that political influence might creep in.

Col. Potter said he had the power to check over the reports to see that they were complete before being forwarded to the Pensions Board. If the information should be found to be incomplete, the report was returned to the district medical board.

"Do you revise the reports of the medical boards?" asked W. S. Middleton.

"No."
"You could not as a matter of political consideration give any particular cases special consideration?" asked Mr. Bennett.

"No. We deal with the reports purely from the medical standpoint."

Has Made Report.
Hon. Chas. Murphy asked if there was any reason why the work being done by the Military Hospitals Commission should not be done by the medical branch of the Militia Department.

"I have made a report on the matter to my superior officers," said Col. Potter.

Sir Herbert Ames asked that a copy of the report be supplied to the committee.

Senator McLennan, of Nova Scotia, who was the next witness, told of the work which has been done by the vocational work branch of the Hospitals Commission, with which he has been prominently connected.

TOLD NOT TO SINK
AMERICAN VESSELS

Believed in Berlin Submarines Ordered to Avoid Rochester and Orleans

London, Feb. 23.—"It is quite possible that the American steamships Rochester and Orleans may escape German submarines on their way through the danger zone from New York to Bordeaux," says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, but the United States should not rely upon their doing so.

In Berlin political circles, the Exchange correspondent adds, it is believed the submarine commanders have been definitely instructed not to sink these American ships.

SPAIN IS ACTING.

Washington, Feb. 23.—At the request of the German Government, Spain has taken over the German consular interests in Porto Rico and Hawaii.

MR. HUGHES AND TWO OTHERS TO LONDON FOR AUSTRALIANS

Melbourne, Feb. 23.—Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has announced that the Government has approved the delegation of three to the special war conference in London, namely Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, Sir W. H. Irvine, and probably Rt. Hon. Sir John Forrest. The Prime Minister states that the delegates' departure has not been fixed and the Senate's attitude has an important bearing on the matter.

WOULD HAVE WILSON SEIZE FOODSTUFFS

Illinois Senator Introduces Amendment Which Would Give President Power

BOYCOTTS IN SOME
PARTS OF NEW YORK

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, to-day introduced an amendment to the revenue bill a provision to authorize the President to seize foodstuffs deemed to be monopolized in violation of law. Foodstuffs so seized would be disposed of at public sales under government supervision.

Considering Measures.

New York, Feb. 23.—Definite measures to meet the food situation were considered to-day by state and city authorities.

Governor Whitman and some of the members of the New York Legislature see hope in the immediate passage of the food and market bill just introduced.

The Women's Anti-High Price League sent a delegation to the city board of estimates this morning to demand an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be used in buying food to be sold to the poor at cost. This organization announced that if its plea should be unsuccessful it would urge that beginning March 1 children be kept out of school until conditions had improved.

In some of the tenement districts the boycott has taken the place of the riot as a means of protest. The boycott, however, has not been altogether peaceful. A number of women were attacked by infuriated housewives as they came out of stores carrying meat and fish. A score or more of arrests were made yesterday.

Emergency Provision.
The food and market bill, which Governor Whitman is known to favor, contains an emergency clause which authorizes the commission that would be created under the act to take such measures to secure relief as it might deem desirable in case of an emergency creating or threatening to create a scarcity of food. One in authority to-day expressed the opinion that should a real crisis arise the food commission would have virtually dictatorial powers.

TOOK CHILDREN AND WOMEN FROM SHIPS

Authorities at Halifax Refused to Let Them Go to England

Halifax, Feb. 23.—A British steamship put in here yesterday from a United States port for a Trans-Atlantic port to take on passengers. Among them were 19 women and three children. The vessel was about to sail when the Customs Department refused to grant the necessary papers for the women and children passengers had been removed, the Government having given orders that no more passports to Canadian women and children to England would be issued. They were brought ashore this morning and their passage money refunded.

Most of the passengers were from the upper provinces. One woman came all the way from Nelson, B. C. An Australian going to work in an ammunition factory who had his wife and child with him also came ashore with them and was practically without means.

An Indemnity.

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A TORY MEMBER OF
MANITOBA ASSEMBLY
RESIGNS HIS SEAT

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—The Winnipeg Free Press says:
Albert Prefontaine, leader of the Opposition in the Manitoba Legislature, stated this forenoon that at this afternoon's session he would lay on the table of the House the resignation of F. Y. Newton, Conservative member for Roblin. Mr. Newton is voluntarily resigning as a result of the findings of the Patterson Commission, which investigated highway graft under the Roblin administration.

IMPORTS REDUCED AND HOME PRODUCTION IS TO BE MADE HIGHER, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

MAY LEAVE HALIFAX TO-MORROW NIGHT

S. S. Frederik VIII., Moved From Anchorage, Now Moored at Pier

GERMAN PASSENGERS
KEPT BELOW DECKS

Halifax, Feb. 23.—The Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII., with the former German Ambassador to the United States, Count von Bernstorff, and former German embassy and consular officials on board, is preparing to leave Halifax. The ship was moved up last night to one of the port piers from the secluded Bedford Basin, where she had been anchored since arriving here from New York. This was rendered necessary partly because the ship had to take on water and coal and partly because the Customs officials had found it impossible to examine certain baggage in her hold because of cramped quarters and it was too cold to operate on deck. The baggage remaining to be examined therefore will be handled in the pier sheds.

To-morrow Night.

It is thought here that the ship should get away to-morrow night.

The members of the German party were all ordered to keep below decks while the Frederik VIII. is in the harbor, and the armed guards on deck kept at a distance the numerous people who tried to get a glimpse of the ship and her passengers.

Rumors have come from the ship that some of the neutral passengers who have been examined have not taken kindly to the methods used. It is said that some have threatened to send protests to the American Government by wireless as soon as the ship is at sea. The possibility that the German party on the ship might inspire malicious interviews and distorted descriptions of what had taken place on the vessel was pointed out to the responsible naval authorities here and a request was made that details of the operations of the examination be furnished the press to offset them. The naval officer in charge to whom the request was made replied:

No Description.

"The position of the Frederik VIII. is that of a neutral vessel undergoing visit and search on the high seas, which for mutual convenience is taking place in the shelter of a harbor. It is thus an affair of naval operations and as such not to be described to the public. Every courtesy is being shown to all the passengers, of whatever nationality, and the chance of malicious reports appearing either in the American or Canadian press leaves me entirely unmoved."

GERMANS TAKEN OFF
AMERICAN FREIGHTER

British Cruiser Got Them; Germany to Pay Indemnity to Sweden

Boston, Feb. 23.—Officers of the American freighter Altagua reported on her arrival from Buenos Ayres to-day that the ship had been held up by a British cruiser off the Brazilian coast on Jan. 23 and two Germans in her crew removed.

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AMERICAN SENATE
TO MEET MARCH 5

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson has decided to call an extra session of the Senate for March 5 to consider nominations. This was officially announced at the White House to-day.

In Speech in House of Commons Lasting Hour and a Half British Prime Minister Presents Government's Programme for Coping With Shortage of Tonnage and Submarine Menace

London, Feb. 23.—Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, to-day presented to the House of Commons in a speech lasting an hour and a half his programme for coping with the serious situation arising from the shortage of shipping space, depletion of food stocks and the German submarine menace.

He advocated the increasing of home food production and the curtailment of non-vital imports. To this end he outlined a plan for speeding up the farmers by guaranteeing good prices for commodities over a period of years. This he supplemented by the announcement that the land owner would be forced to cultivate his land.

The speeding up of the farm laborer was provided for by the Prime Minister by guaranteeing him a minimum wage of 25 shilling per week instead of the present 14 to 18 shillings.

By curtailment of imports, Mr. Lloyd George said he expected to reduce the demands on cargo ships by several million tons. Foodstuffs, of which 16,000,000 tons were imported last year, will be cut nearly a million tons by stopping off certain luxuries. Paper users, who already have been considerably curtailed, must get along henceforth with only half the supply they are now receiving, thus saving 600,000 tons. Certain savings also will be effected in the importation of ore, which now amounts to 5,000,000 tons annually, and in lumber, which at present is 4,000,000 tons.

Tonnage Shortage.

Mr. Lloyd George said that the success of the cause of the Entente depended on the ability to solve the tonnage shortage which now was affecting the ordinary needs of the nation and military exigencies. The situation called for the gravest measures.

There was no sure way to victory without hunting the enemy submarines from the deep, he declared.

Enormous sacrifices were necessary from the British public. The Government proposed to dispense with non-essential importations to save tonnage.

House Crowded.

There was a crowded House at the special meeting held to-day to listen to the Prime Minister's speech on the restriction of imports and the encouragement of agriculture. Among those in the diplomatic gallery were Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and many representatives of the Dominions.

Mr. Lloyd George said the ultimate success of the Entente's cause depended on the solution of the tonnage difficulties with which the Allies were confronted. Before the war British tonnage had been just adequate and since that time there had been an enormous increase in the demand for tonnage. More than 1,000,000 tons of British shipping had been allocated to France alone and a very considerable amount had been set aside for Russia and Italy. In addition a considerable amount had been sunk.

Even For Army.

Mr. Lloyd George said that for some time there had been a shortage of tonnage required for the general needs of the nation and even a slight shortage in the tonnage for military purposes. The nation should realize absolutely what the conditions were.

"If we take drastic measures," he continued, "we can cope with the submarine menace, but if the nation is not prepared to accept drastic measures for dealing with the menace, disaster is before us."

The government is hopeful of finding means of dealing with the submarine menace, but we should be guilty of folly if we rested tranquilly upon the expectation of realization of that hope. We have to deal ruthlessly and promptly with the tonnage problem by measures which will impose great sacrifices upon the country.

Three Measures.

"There are three sets of measures. First, by the navy, as described by Sir Edward Carson (First Lord of the Admiralty); second, the building of merchant ships; third, dispensing with unnecessary commodities from abroad and production of as much food as possible at home."

The stocks of food in the British Isles at the present time were lower than they ever had been before, Mr. Lloyd George said. It was essential for the life of the nation that every possible effort be made to increase home production.

Fruits Cut Off.

The importation of apples, tomatoes and fruits would be prohibited entirely, the only exceptions made in the prohibition of fruit importations being in the cases of oranges and bananas, and

the amount brought in would be restricted to 25 per cent. The same restriction would apply to nuts.

Canned salmon importations would be reduced 50 per cent. The importation of foreign tea, coffee and cocoa would be prohibited and the amount of India tea which might be brought in would be reduced.

Mr. Lloyd George said it was expected to save 900,000 tons of shipping yearly on foodstuffs as a result of these measures.

He announced that the Government would guarantee a price of 38s. 6d. for oats this year, 32s. for the next two years and 24s. for the three following years. The price of potatoes would be guaranteed for the coming season only at 2s. 6d. a ton.

Immediate Action.

The opinion was expressed by the Prime Minister that food prices were not likely to decrease for a long time after the war, in as much as Germany would then be a heavier purchaser than ever before. Therefore it was safe to grant to the farmers a minimum price over a definite period of time, which was the only way to bring about immediate action.

He also proposed a minimum wage of 25s. weekly for agricultural workers. For wheat the Government would guarantee the farmers the following minimum price per quarter: for the present year, 60s., for 1918 and 1919, 55s.; for 1920, 1921 and 1922, 45s.

Brewing would be cut down to 10,000,000 barrels annually. A similar reduction would be made in the output of spirits, effecting a saving of 600,000 tons of foodstuffs.

The importation of acrated, mineral and table waters would be prohibited. Power would be given to the Board of Agriculture to compel landowners to cultivate their ground.

The minimum wage for farm labor announced by Mr. Lloyd George, 25 shillings a week, represents an increase of 50 to 80 per cent. over the present prevailing payment.

Also Paper.

The importation of paper, the Prime Minister announced, must be curtailed by a further 600,000 tons annually. In announcing this decision Mr. Lloyd George said the Government had arrived at the conclusion that a substantial reduction was necessary and that the amount would be cut to half of what is now allowed. This would reduce the allowance 600,000 tons.

All essential articles of food, he said, would be on the free list, but certain articles would be reduced or prohibited. The shortage of the importation of coffee, tea and cocoa for the time being was due to the fact that large supplies were on hand. He regretted very much the cutting off of certain luxuries which came from France and Italy.

At Once.

The restrictions would be imposed immediately. Steps would be taken to prevent speculative buying and if necessary the Food Controller would take control of the commodities. The restrictions had been carefully considered and he asked the House to take them as a whole.

Mr. Lloyd George declared he had not the slightest doubt that if the whole programme were carried out and if all those who would help in the production did help, "I honestly can say we can face the worst the enemy can do, and that is what we ought to be prepared to do."

Home Production.

In dealing with the question of production, the Prime Minister said: "Then there is the question of our home supplies of food. I want the country to know that at present our food stocks are low. This is not due to the enemy submarines, but to the bad harvest. It is essential to the safety of the nation that we put forth every effort to increase production this year. There are still a few weeks to

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TWO LOST LIVES IN FIRE IN DAWSON

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 23.—Two lives were lost here in a fire that destroyed property in the business section of an estimated value of \$200,000. Those who perished were Charles W. C. Taber, dean of the Dawson bar and one of the most prominent men in the Yukon Territory, and W. McAdam, veteran White Pass stage driver on the White Horse and Dawson overland route.

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MINERS' CONVENTION.

Fernie, Feb. 23.—The mine workers held but one session yesterday, and that being an executive one, was behind closed doors. The officers' report committee had right of way now and the afternoon was devoted to hearing a partial report from that committee. It will take the remainder of this week to get through with that order of business, as many matters of importance are to be dealt with in disposing of these reports. A decided stand against the employment of Asiatic labor in or about mines was taken by the convention, the sentiment being unanimously against such practice.

SUBMARINE BREMEN WENT TO THE BOTTOM

Report Sent From Berlin That
She is Serving is
False

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—While Scandinavian newspapers are printing a report from Berlin that the German merchant submarine Bremen was not lost at sea, but is being used as a supply ship in Germany's submarine campaign, information which has been in the possession of the Associated Press representative in Berlin for months, is that the submarine actually went down on her first voyage to the United States.

The submarine was not captured by a British patrol boat, as was rumored in the United States, but went down in a great storm in the North Atlantic, according to this information.

The date and circumstances of the departure of the submarine for the United States were well-known in Berlin at the time, and there was ill-concealed anxiety on the part of the owners of the underwater merchantman for news of her arrival as the craft became increasingly overdue at New London, Conn. When a published report of the arrival of the Bremen in Long Island Sound proved without foundation, Director Philip Heineken, of the company owning the Bremen, told the Associated Press representative that he regarded her as lost, and said the craft probably had foundered in one of the prevailing gales.

It is highly possible, however, that cargo submarines may be co-operating in the submarine campaign, and that the Deutschland and six sister ships which were being built had been or are being adapted to this work.

FIRE IN OMAHA.

Omaha, Feb. 23.—Fire in the downtown retail district here early today wiped out half a block with a loss of \$750,000, caused guests at two hotels to be hurried half-clad into the icy streets and for two hours threatened to become a general conflagration. All the fire-fighting apparatus of the city combatted the flames and every available policeman was used to prevent injury to thousands of persons who crowded close to falling walls and into tangles of live wires.

BACK TO STATES BY TRANS-SIBERIAN

Russian Advertisement At-
tracts Attention of Ameri-
cans in Copenhagen

Copenhagen, Feb. 23.—A large sign in a tourist office here reads: "Safety route to America—via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Tickets for sale here."

The sign is attracting the attention of a large number of Americans in Copenhagen who have been waiting for several weeks for an opportunity to return to the United States.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. J. McBurney, Toronto; Pte. B. Henkoski, Russia; Pte. W. Moore, England; Pte. F. Hunt, Richmond, Sask.; Pte. Thomas Stoddard, New Westminster, B. C.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. F. Bancroft, Toronto; Pte. E. Tapp, Quebec; Pte. D. Darling, Scotland; Pte. J. Soulesby, England; Pte. W. Irvine, Ireland; Pte. G. Lubar, Toronto; Pte. G. Langley, Cleveland, Ohio.

Previously reported missing; now for official purposes presumed dead—Pte. H. Phillips, Toronto; Pte. H. Reading, Stonewall, Man.

Previously reported missing and believed prisoner of war; now officially reported died while prisoner—Pte. J. Ranger, Ottawa.

Died—Pte. H. Moore, Montreal; Pte. M. Weeks, Ottawa; Pte. C. Atchison, Lucknow, Ont.; Pte. W. Paisley, Thorold, Ont.; Pte. W. Hayhurst, England. Seriously ill—Pte. J. Moffatt, Portage la Prairie; Pte. L. Tatchell, England; Sgt. Major E. Smith, Smithtown, N.B.; Cpl. W. Wilson, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Matheson, Sydney, C. B.; Pte. C. Ashley, Almsdale, N. S.

Wounded—Cpl. H. Agar, Harehills, Sask.; Pte. A. Petasold, Deseronto, Ont.; Pte. C. Johnson, Brandon, Man.; Pte. Pte. R. Smith, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. S. Stevenson, Rosedale, N. C.; Pte. J. Arnold, London, Ont.; Pte. G. McNeughton, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. G. Stronger, Montreal; Pte. A. Gray, Port Arthur; Sgt. H. Wingham, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. L. Cooling, England; Pte. I. Themborge, Quebec; Pte. F. Fournier, Lewiston, Maine.

Wounded; remaining on duty—Major A. Sutton, Victoria, B. C.; Pte. J. Stewart, Hamilton, Ont.

Missing—Pte. E. Skinner, Dovercourt, Alta.

Artillery.
Seriously ill—Major W. Webb, England; Gnr. S. Balkwell, Kingsville, Ont.; Major G. Maxwell, Halifax. Wounded—Gnr. W. Landry, Dorchester, N. B.

Mounted Rifles.
Previously reported missing; now for official purposes, presumed dead—Pte. W. Ridout, Stonewall, Man.; Pte. V. Ridout, Stonewall, Man.; Pte. E. Douglas, King, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. S. Crawford, England.

Previously reported not wounded; now wounded but remaining on duty—Pte. E. Hollo, England.

Services.
Died—Pte. A. Roberts, McIntyre, Ont.; Capt. W. McKenzie, Toronto. Seriously ill—Pte. Thomas Kennedy, Quebec; Pte. F. Salter, Regina; Pte. R. Auld, England; Capt. A. Bennett, North Vancouver, B. C.

Missing—Capt. J. S. Storrer, Scotland.

SUSPECTED SPY.

Halifax, Feb. 23.—A man who gave his name as McGregor, who enlisted in the 25th Railway Construction Battalion, mobilizing at Windsor, was arrested there yesterday and brought to this city accused of being a German spy. A woman confederate also was arrested.

It is alleged that he had a place near the barracks back of old Fort Edward, where he had hidden civilian's clothes in readiness for a sudden exit.

He was at one time in the 8th Battalion at Halifax, but was turned down on suspicion. He has been under observation by the secret service for some time.

If Stomach Hurts Drink Hot Water

"If dyspepsia, suffering from gas, wind or flatulence, stomach acidity or sourness, gastric catarrh, heartburn, etc., would take a teaspoonful of pure, bluish, magnesium in half a glass of hot water immediately after eating, they would soon forget they were afflicted with stomach trouble and doctors would have to look elsewhere for patients." In explanation of these words a well-known New York physician stated that most forms of stomach trouble are due to stomach acidity and fermentation of the food contents of the stomach combined with an insufficient blood supply to the stomach. Hot water increases the blood supply and disintegrates the food, thus neutralizing the excessive stomach acid and stops food fermentation. The combination of the two, therefore, being marvellously successful and decidedly preferable to the use of artificial digestants, stimulants or medicines for indigestion.

AMERICAN SECRETS SENT TO GERMANY

In Arresting Sander American
Officials Uncovered a Whole
Spy System

New York, Feb. 23.—The New York Tribune says to-day:

Military and naval secrets of the United States were betrayed to Germany by the spies working under Albert A. Sander, who until his arrest on Monday was dramatic critic for one of William Randolph Hearst's papers. The authority for this statement, a high federal official, declared that the work that Germany expected of Sander overshadowed anything that had been done so far in this country.

"Franz von Hittelen, who has been a prisoner in the Tower of London almost since the inception of war," said this official, "and who has been shown to have fomented strikes in munitions plants, and Captain von Papen, the military attaché of the German Embassy at Washington, who had evolved a scheme for the invasion of Canada and the blowing up of the Welland Canal, were small fry compared with Sander."

Shadowed Constantly.

Another federal official said to-day that a number of German spies, believed to be working with Sander, had been shadowed constantly by men who report to William Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, and to William Office, Superintendent of the Department of Justice for this district.

"These German spies," said this official, "are known to the authorities to have been chosen as the men to destroy munitions plants in the event of war between this country and Germany. It is because of the widespread machinations of the German spies that the Government has been unable to go on with its investigation into the alleged conspiracy to boost food prices. Immediately on severing diplomatic relations with Germany all the agents of the Department of Justice who had been gathering data in all parts of the country on the food question were called off this work and detailed to watch the German spies."

The federal grand jury in this district was ordered to-day to report at the federal building Thursday afternoon. While United States District Attorney Marshall refused to say what was the reason for the sudden call, it was learned from other sources that the grand jury will take up the cases of Sander and his companion, Charles W. Wunnenberg, held on the technical charge of engaging in a military enterprise against Great Britain and Ireland.

Will Be Heard.

Before the Government completes its investigation into the work of Wunnenberg and Sander, three Americans, who were in Sander's employ, who went to England, France and Holland acting under his instructions and who are now either under arrest or surveillance abroad, will be heard by the federal grand jury. These men are George Vaux Bacon, a theatrical press agent and a writer of short stories; Charles E. Hastings, formerly employed by a New York City news collecting agency; and Rutledge Rutherford, formerly employed by a New York evening paper. The British Government has arranged for their safe conduct here on their promise to testify against Sander and Wunnenberg. Subpoenas were issued yesterday for the persons who acted as witnesses for these and other newspapers in the employ of Sander when their names were obtained by word of mouth; some were recorded in an invisible ink invented by a German chemist named Apretich, of Danzig. This information was handed to the Americans by Sander. It was learned to-day that last August, a short time before Bacon left for England, he visited the forts at the entrance to this harbor with the actors of a moving picture company for which he did press work. He was entertained by army officers and pictures of certain parts of the forts were taken.

Narrowly Escaped.
A federal officer who discussed the activities of Sander and Wunnenberg to-day:

"Three of these men narrowly escaped death as spies at the hands of the British. Only the intervention of this government and the promise of the suspects to aid in the prosecution of the men who employed them saved their necks. Some of these who are not used by the Government as witnesses may be prosecuted. There are two sections under the code under which they could be prosecuted, one for engaging in criminal correspondence with foreign governments to defeat measures of the United States, and second, on the broad grounds of conspiracy. But just what action will be taken with respect to these men has not yet been determined upon."

Upwards of fifty Americans are known to have been connected with Sander. One in particular, a man one time associated with a former prominent federal official in a peace propaganda, has been sought at his haunts here and in the west for the last three days.

RELIEVING FREIGHT CONGESTION AT CHICAGO

Washington, Feb. 23.—To relieve the freight congestion at Chicago, the rules requiring box cars to be kept on their home lines have been relaxed, and New York Central equipment is to be used, with the preference given to food supplies. This was announced to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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London, Feb. 23.—A Reuter dispatch from Salonica says that the Entente forces cut postal communication between Athens and Central Powers when they established contact on Wednesday between the French and Italian troops and cleared the enemy forces from the road between Koriza, in Southern Albania, and Leskovik. The Central Powers now are restricted to wireless and aeroplane communication.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The War Office reported last night:

"Eastern theatre—There was artillery activity on the whole front and patrol actions near Seres; on the Mavrovo front. A raid on Brest, near Lake Doiran, permitted us to take prisoners. Two enemy counter-attacks at the same point were repulsed. The aviators were very active, engaging in several fights. Biemy columns near Seres and Meluk were successfully bombarded."

BRITISH AND FRENCH REPULSED GERMANS

London, Feb. 23.—The War Office reported last night:

"Hostile raids attempted early this morning east of Vermeles and south of Neuve Chapelle were successfully repulsed. The enemy suffered a number of casualties and left prisoners in our hands. The usual artillery activity continued."

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used on both sides. It was marked north of the Somme and south of Ypres."

Paris, Feb. 23.—An official communication issued last night said:

"In Belgium yesterday German patrols attempting to reach our lines near Roedeport, northeast of Nieuport, were dispersed by our fire. The enemy suffered losses."

"The artillery fighting was quite spirited on the right bank of the Meuse in the sector of Pepper Hill."

"There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

A Belgian communication said: "Nothing of importance occurred to-day."

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Mrs. W. G. Dowden, Greenspond, Bonavista Bay, Nfld., writes: "I suf-

fered with eczema on my hands, and for eighteen months was so bad that I could not use a needle to sew or do anything. I could scarcely dress myself. Though I had lots of salves from doctors, I could never get much benefit from them. Then I sent for a sample of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and found it very different in action. It was not long before my hands began to heal, and four 6c boxes made them well. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment too highly, and frequently give some to others to get them using it, for I know that it will cure."

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Nos. 1, 2 and 3 must be removed before the 12th day of March 1917, and No. 4 before the 10th day of April 1917. All materials removed, in each case, to be the property of the successful tenderer.

The successful tenderer for the purchase and removal of the buildings must remove same completely, and leave the grounds in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,

Building Inspector,
Building Inspector's Office, Victoria,
Feb. 21, 1917.

SAANICH MUNICIPALITY BY-
ELECTION FOR COUNCILLOR
FOR WARD FOUR

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of Ward Four (4) in the Municipality of Saanich, that I require the presence of said electors at the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, B. C., on Wednesday, the 28th day of February, 1917, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Councillor for Ward Four (4).

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality, one of whom shall be a resident of the ward, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and shall state the names, residence and occupation or description of each person proposed, in such manner as sufficiently to identify such candidates and in the event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on the 2nd day of March, 1917, at McKenzie Avenue School, corner McKenzie Avenue, Carey Road and Raymond Street, and such polling place will be open from 2 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m., of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualifications for a Councillor shall be his being a male British subject, and having been for the three months next preceding the date of the election, a registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situated within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homestead, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homestead, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homestead, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, and being otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal voter.

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—N. Y. Evening Telegram.

CONSTANTINE TRIES AGAIN
TO PUT A GOOD FACE
ON HIS TREACHERY TO
GREECE AND HOSTILITY
TO ENTENTE

(Continued from page 1.)

Venizelos was, perhaps, the strongest man in Greece as they thought, but the moment he tried to turn over the Greek army to the "Echidne" powers as if we were composed of a lot of mercenaries he became the weakest man in Greece and the most despised. For in Greece no man delivers the Greeks. They decide their own destinies as a free people, and not Britain, France and Russia put together can change them, either by force of arms or by starvation, and they have tried both. As for Venizelos himself—he had a man once in your country, a very great man, who had even been vice-president, who planned to split the country in two and set himself up as a ruler in the part he separated from the rest.

"Your Majesty means Aaron Burr?" "Precisely. But he only plotted to do a thing which he never accomplished. Venizelos, with the assistance of the allied powers—and he never could have done it without them—has succeeded for the time being in the same kind of seditious enterprise. You called Aaron Burr a traitor. Well, that's what the Greek people call Venizelos.

Wrath Against Venizelos.
"The impression has been spread broadcast that Venizelos stands in Greece for liberalism and his opponents for absolutism and militarism. It is just the other way around. Venizelos stands for whatever suits his own personal book. His idea of government is an absolute dictatorship—a sort of Mexican government. When he was premier he broke every man who dared to disagree with him in his own parliament. He never sought to express the will of the people; he imposed his will on the people. The Greek people will not stand that. They demand a constitutional government in which there is room for two parties, Liberals and Conservatives, each with a definite programme, as in the United States or England or any other civilized country, not a personal government where the only party division is into Venizelists and anti-Venizelists.

German Propaganda.
"That is one thing I wanted to say. The other is about the effect of the so-called German propaganda in Greece. The Entente powers seem to have adopted the attitude that everybody who is not willing to fight on their side must be a pro-German. Nothing could be more false in respect to Greece. There is a present resentment against the Allies in Greece, and a good

fortnight. Not even the Belgians themselves under German rule have been rendered more helpless than are we in Greece to-day.

"Isn't it time, therefore, calmly to look at conditions in Greece as they are, to give over a policy dictated by panic and to display a little of that high quality of faith which alone is the foundation of friendship?"

ENTENTE WILL HOLD
GERMAN COLONIES

This is Plain From Statements
by Long, Massey and
Motonoo

London, Feb. 23.—The deathknell of Germany's possession of her former colonies has been sounded by the Entente by almost simultaneous announcements by the British Colonial Minister, Rt. Hon. Walter Hume Long; the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Motono, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Massey, who voiced the view of Australia as well as New Zealand. Together these statements declare there will be no return to Germany of her colonies in Africa, Asia, or the Pacific.

This attitude is not only held by Japan and the British Overseas Dominions, chiefly concerned, but it has the backing of the British and French governments, which have the largest interest in colonial Africa and Asia. It develops the fact also that the late Asquith Government was opposed to any extension of British colonial possessions in Africa, whereas the new Lloyd George Government approves this extension as in line with the aspirations of the British Union and colonies in Africa. This in turn has established that there will be a general re-shifting of African colonies, so that the possessions of the British Empire, France, Portugal and Belgium will be made more homogeneous instead of being scattered and irregular in outline, as at present.

Japan's Attitude.

Japan's attitude toward holding the German colony of Kiau Chau, in China, and the Pacific Islands occupied by the Japanese fleet came up when the Foreign Office of the reply to President Wilson was being called to the various Entente governments for approval. Japan approved the terms as far as stated on Serbia, Belgium and in other respects, but pointed out that the terms omitted any reference to the German colonies of Kiau Chau and the Pacific Islands in which Japan had established an interest.

New British Cabinet.

The attitude of the new British administration was announced about the same time in a statement by the new Colonial Minister in the Lloyd George cabinet who, in saying he spoke with "knowledge and full responsibility" with regard to the German colonies of which we have acquired possession since the war began, and as the representative of the vast Overseas Dominions, said as to the "British" policy toward these colonies: "Let no man think that their struggle for these colonies have been in vain. Let no man think these colonies will return to German rule. It is impossible. Our overseas empire will not tolerate any suggestion of the kind. We have been able to rectify mistakes since the war began, and it now rests with the people of this country to help to an early and satisfactory peace, and to take care that they prepare before the war ends to face that other bitter and ruthless contest in trade and commerce which will follow thereafter."

Australians.

About the same time the view of Australia and New Zealand as to German island colonies in the Pacific was expressed by Sir Joseph Ward, Finance Minister of New Zealand, and W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, both of whom will be at the coming Imperial Conference. Sir Joseph Ward said: "I saw with regret in the note sent to the United States by the Allies in reply to the German peace offer that there was no reference to the manner in which the conquered German colonies are to be treated. There was not a word of reference to those islands in the Pacific which Australia and New Zealand took from the Germans, and which those Dominions are determined shall never go back to the Germans. Unless peace conditions provide for the reversion, to Great Britain of those former German territories, particularly New Guinea and Samoa, which have been won by the blood and treasure of Australia and New Zealand, the people of our Dominions will never rest content."

Massey's Statement.

Prime Minister Massey said at the same time: "New Zealand holds Samoa and means to retain it. I am sure the Australian people feel the same as to the enemy islands which they have occupied. When the war began there was no question of asking territory. But after what we have seen in Poland, we in the Pacific would not feel secure if German bases were to be permitted in the Southern Hemisphere with German warships within a day or two's steaming from our settlements. No, we must hold what we've taken and this attitude toward the German colonies will be the one taken by Australia and New Zealand at the Imperial Conference."

These views are so uniform from all British, Japanese and Dominion authorities having an interest in the German colonies that retention of these colonies and a readjustment of their boundaries has become pretty thoroughly understood.

The change of the map will be made chiefly in Africa, where the west coast now is a patchwork of little colonies, alternating between France, Portugal, the British Empire and Belgium, and which are expected to be merged eventually into large, connected areas.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

The rather sombre tone of Mr. Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons to-day should be associated with the exceptional proposals upon which his remarks were based. Those measures, regulating the price of farm labor, compelling owners to cultivate their land, reducing the output of the breweries and imposing radical restrictions upon imports, are of such a revolutionary character that the Prime Minister deems it desirable to put the gravest construction upon the conditions which have made their adoption necessary. While his remarks may be hailed with some rejoicing among the unenlightened masses in Germany, the Prussian leaders will not share the general illusion. They are too familiar with the consequences that always flow from the solemn warnings of the British Prime Minister. They recall the reorganization of the Entente Council and the improved coordination of the operations of their enemies which followed the famous "too late" speech. They have daily reminders of the enormous output of munitions and supplies which formed the sequel to that other warning, addressed by the same far-sighted statesman in the winter of 1914-15.

No public man in the United Kingdom knows the British people more thoroughly than Lloyd George knows them, and none has greater confidence in their ability to meet any situation. He knows that they want frankness, no matter how outspoken and disturbing, and facts, no matter how unpalatable. These must be a necessary preliminary to any sweeping abridgment of their privileges and liberties, and as soon as they are convinced of the need they will meet in abundant measure any demand that may be made upon them. If he has overestimated the danger of the enemy's submarine warfare it is because in such a case an underestimate might have serious, if not fatal, results. He is making unprecedented demands upon the people; he is reconstructing the entire economic fabric of the nation as a war measure, and such vast changes must have the sternest justification. He is looking ahead, besides, to the period after the war when for a time conditions may be more disquieting than they are now.

The British Prime Minister's speech emphasizes the great difference between the attitude of Britain's Government and that of the German authorities towards their respective peoples. One gives the sternest and most serious facts of the situation of the moment; the other lies and quibbles, brags and blusters, and promises peace every coming month. One trusts the people and is not afraid to explain why it asks heavy sacrifices from them; the other fears and distrusts the people and builds for them a "fool's paradise." It is hardly necessary to say whose morale will survive the grimmest test.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

One of the most important measures to be introduced in the Legislature in the coming Session is that which will provide for the appointment of a Civil Service Commission, concerning which the Provincial Government was in consultation with Dr. Adam Shortt some time ago. To what extent the bill proposed by the Dominion Commissioner places the civil administration of the country under the body to be established by it we shall not know until it is submitted to the House, but there is reason to believe that it will ensure a far-reaching reform that will be heartily appreciated by the taxpayers who are now compelled to contribute more than \$2,000,000 annually for civil government, a sum out of all proportion to the needs of the province.

A strictly impartial civil service commission performing its duties firmly and on sound business principles will punctuate the end of the doctrine of the spoilsman that the chief function of a Government is to find jobs for its supporters. That brand of political philosophy still survives in all parties and now, when the stress of a great emergency confronts all Governments with an acute financial situation, is the time to put an end to it. It was largely because it subscribed to this doctrine and extended it to every branch of the public service that the late Government went to its ruin. The public now, as never before, is determined that its affairs shall be conducted in a business-like manner; that efficiency and honesty must be shown by its board of managers and those under them. No Government which answers to those requirements need have anything to fear. The solid results, advantageous to the public interest, constitute its best advertisement and its most effective political capital. For every supporter its zeal in the public's behalf alienates it makes a dozen friends.

Civil service reform should save thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of the province and double the efficiency of the administrative service. This in turn will be reflected in improved conditions generally. It will keep down the debt and afford opportunities of assisting genuine productive enterprises. It will make for a better public life and a higher tone of political effort and discussion. It will be an unimpaired blessing for members of the Legislature, for it will relieve them of the importunities of office-seekers who before the election declared their undying allegiance to principles and policies and immediately afterwards posted their applications for jobs as rewards for political services. If the Brewster Government brings down a comprehensive measure of civil service reform and provides for its strong administration it will confer a valued benefit upon the country.

A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

We fear our morning contemporary did not deliberate very fully over its objections to the National Government proposal before expressing them to-day. At the same time it is entitled to some credit for avoiding the "argument," advanced by Mr. Rogers, H. H. Stevens, M. P., and certain party journals, that the movement is a plot of powerful interests to obtain control of the affairs of the country—something they already have.

Our contemporary says the analogy of the British Government cannot apply to Canada because conditions in the United Kingdom are utterly dissimilar from those in this country. The British Government, it says, is charged with the duty of carrying on the war; the duty of the Canadian Government is to see that Canada contributes her share to this work. Does this mean that the Canadian Government has not the same responsibility for the important military efforts required of Canada that the British Government has for the military efforts of the United Kingdom, that while the British Government is the United Kingdom's board of management the Canadian Government is little better than an academic body of onlookers, merely "seeing" that Canada does its share? Who, then, is responsible for Canada's effort? If that is the attitude of the Canadian Government no other argument in favor of a National Board of Directors is required.

The Canadian Government is as much responsible for the war measures Canada is adopting as the British Government is responsible for what the United Kingdom is doing. With the direction of the Canadian effort the British authorities have no more to do than the Canadian Government has to do with the British effort, until the soldiers reach France, at any rate, and even there the operations become subject to the main direction of the Entente army council. Canadian responsibility for Canada's military affairs is as clearly established in England, where there is a separate Canadian Minister of Militia and a Canadian Militia Council, as it is in Canada. The problems Canada's Government is confronted with are just as pressing in proportion to the resources of this country as those with which the British Government is dealing. There never was a greater crisis in the history of this young country than

there is now; there never was a time when its very best ability was more urgently required in the management of its affairs.

The present government does not represent fifty per cent. of the best ability of its own party, not to speak of the country as a whole. This was frankly conceded by its candid friends when it was chosen; almost entirely through outside influence, in 1911. Our contemporary wants to know how the share of Canada in the prosecution of the war can be better performed, "if a number of unnamed gentlemen are asked to take control of the public department." Surely our contemporary does not seriously contend that the three Nationalist Ministers, and Mr. Rogers, Dr. Reid, Mr. Crothers, just to mention a few members of the ministry, could not be profitably replaced from almost any quarter either inside or outside parliament. Many serious shortcomings have developed in Canada's military business because that business has not been directed by the ablest minds this country has, because, indeed, it is directed by men for the most part of very indifferent ability.

Our contemporary says Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party should proffer advice to Sir Robert Borden if they think that advice would be of advantage to the country. This is hardly worthy of the intelligence of the morning paper. What would Mr. Borden, Mr. Bonar Law and others have said if instead of inviting them to its councils and keeping them informed of everything that was going on, the Asquith Government had treated them as ordinary citizens, tried to make the war a private political affair and then calmly told them that it was their duty to advise the Government if they thought their advice would be of assistance. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers learn what is going on only with the greatest difficulty and through parliamentary inquiry. They, the most experienced administrators in the country, never have been consulted by the Government. Our morning contemporary might as well hold them responsible for the management of Canada's war-business.

Ambassador von Bernstorff's multitudinous party is going to enter a protest as soon as it has an opportunity. It claims to have been delayed too long at Halifax by officials of the Canadian Government who are examining its carload of so of pyjamas. But with whom will the protest be lodged? Von Bernstorff's Government is not on speaking terms with the United States, except in a round-about way. To be sure, the All-Highest might be appealed to, but we in Canada are not in a deferential mood as far as the Kaiser is concerned. The von Bernstorff party is being permitted to reach its native land by courtesy of the British Government, but the British Government has not undertaken to deliver the party at any particular time nor to transport with it as much contraband as the party can dispose of among its effects.

New York Sun: We have witnessed the regeneration of France into a glorious, serious manhood. We have seen Britain aroused from the stupor of a prosperity complacently accepted as matter of course. We have seen our kindred across the Canadian border up to new ideals of national opportunity and duty. We have seen everywhere indifference transformed into passionate devotion, cynicism becoming heroism, sordid selfishness and luxurious self-indulgence disappearing in fine self-abnegation, individual character exalted by the magic of the common cause. Our turn must come with a war righteous as this will be; and perhaps here as elsewhere the great quickening has been needed.

The views of American citizens as expressed in letters to the newspapers continue to be of interest to people who have the fortune to be belligerent, not neutral, in this war. Writing of the enslavement by Germany of the unfortunate people of small nations, Captain William Matthews, who flourishes his pen like an old seagull, thus expresses himself in the New York Tribune: "No citizen that is an American at heart can be mute at such dastardly and cowardly work. Rally round the flag, boys, and shoot for what it stands for—freedom for all, men and women—and d— all neutrals between freedom and slavery."

Every country in its secret soul thinks its own youth is the best, although all do not talk about it, for obvious reasons. However, we can appreciate Harold Begbie's point of view even if we do not share it. We doubt, however, if the average healthy English lad will applaud the advertisement of the well-known journalist gave him. Young fellows as a rule do not care to be likened to cherubs. We fancy the particular passage which has raised a controversy in our columns will not be received with comment not exactly angelic in the very quarters it so eloquently extols.

Germany has given another pledge to Sweden, as she has given many pledges

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to other countries, that she is sorry one of her pirates committed an act of piracy, and promises reparation. But she has not made reparation for any of her outrages yet, and doubtless will bide her own time in doing so. When the time is ripe the Hun may not be in a position to make any other reparation than involves the use of a hangman's rope.

We are informed that another National Service campaign is about to be inaugurated. What has become of the first one? Is it all over? Are not National Service campaigns intended to result in something more than talk? What is the use of dillydallying in this way with the crucial stage of the war before us? Get down to brass tacks. What about Sir Robert Borden's pledge of 600,000 soldiers—not ineffectual and munition workers—for the fighting service?

When Lloyd George finishes with his war measures John Bull will hardly know his island. The land problem, the liquor problem and numerous other problems buttressed with moats and draw-bridges and fortifications, impregnable in time of peace are being solved by the demands of a National Safety. State Socialism is making tremendous strides in the United Kingdom at this moment, because in no other way can the war be won.

Officers are not allowed to smoke pipes in London. Apparently a few ancient traditions still survive in the army across the pond. Just how a cigarette or a cigar can make an officer more efficient than a pipe passes our comprehension. The pipe is infinitely healthier if it is properly looked after, while if it is not attended to it makes an ideal trench weapon if the wind is blowing in the right direction.

The medium through whom Sir Oliver Lodge declares he has been communicating with his son Raymond records an incident which should be of peculiar interest to tobacco users. She says a newly-arrived spirit, "over there" wanted a smoke and four cigars were made for him. After smoking them he swore off; hasn't touched tobacco since. He should have taken a supply with him.

Another great crisis in the serious affairs of the United States has been averted. Grover Cleveland Alexander, the star pitcher of the Philadelphia baseball club, has signed up for the season. He will get the highest salary ever paid a pitcher in the history of the great national game.

The enthusiastic golfer will long cherish in his memory thoughts too deep for utterance on the winter of 1917. Think of it—bunkered for two weeks of the season!

Premier Lloyd George's speech indicates that he is no believer in half measures.

The capacity of the Hun for intrigue is a revelation the world will not soon forget.

Speaking of the weather—oh, slush!

IMPORTS REDUCED AND HOME PRODUCTION IS TO BE MADE HIGHER, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

(Continued from page 1.)

Now spring wheat, oats and barley. To induce the farmers to plough up pastureland immediately, the Government proposes to guarantee the farmer minimum prices for a definite period, while a minimum wage of 25 shillings weekly will be fixed for the laborer.

The Shipyards. Mr. Lloyd George said it was necessary to get as much work as possible out of the shipyards, not merely for the mercantile marine, but for building craft to cope with enemy submarines.

Timber to the amount of 6,000,000 tons had been imported, he said, and if this tonnage was to be saved this timber problem must be dealt with. Investigation was being made as to the

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Iron Ore. The next heaviest item of import was iron ore. Regarding this item, he said: "We are importing millions of tons but the importation can not be diminished unless more iron ore is found in our country. There is plenty of low grade ore in this country, and if the supply of labor can be augmented we can increase enormously our own output. The saving of tonnage would be large, but unfortunately it would come late in the year."

The former can be done now by hundreds of thousands of tons for this year the food supplies of the country. If all the plans are carried out a very considerable quantity of tonnage would be saved, but future tonnage is urgently needed. The French Ambassador has been here begging for more ships and the Italian Ambassador has just left after making the same request. We need an immediate and substantial saving of tonnage. Let us come down ruthlessly on imports which are not essential. It is idle to suggest that we who are comfortable at home should not be prepared to surrender the things unnecessary."

The Prime Minister also announced that the importation of books, periodicals and other printed matter would be prohibited entirely.

PLANT IN BELGIUM SUFFERS BIG LOSS

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—Several buildings of the famous Cockerill works at Seraing, five miles southwest of Liege, Belgium, have been destroyed through an incendiary fire, the newspaper Les Nouvelles states. The loss to the plant, which comprises iron works and machine shops, making it one of the largest in Europe, will be \$500,000, it is estimated.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Feb. 23, 1912.

Mr. C. J. Reed, Pacific Coast manager for D. M. Osborne & Co., Auburn,
N. Y., arrived last night and will spend several days here on business con-
nected with his firm.

A new map of Victoria and Esquimalt districts and the harbors of the
two places has been issued from the hydrographic office, Washington, by
the bureau of navigation.

The new sealing schooner Victoria is ready for sea. She will leave to-
morrow. This trim little vessel was built on Clarke's ways, and is in every
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Clearing House Report.—The total

clearings for the local banks for the

week ending February 22 amount to

\$1,390,736.

Change of Name.—It is announced in

the current issue of the B. C. Gazette

that Cyril Jones Berghel, Vancouver,

has taken the name of Berkeley in-
stead of his former surname.

Mail Service.—A mail service three

times a week each way over the lines

of the C. N. P. is to be given, the

railway mail superintendent an-

nouncing, giving a service to Kamloops

and the points between there and the

coast.

Tenders for Heating.—The Minister

of Public Works is asking for tenders,

to be in by March 12, for heating im-

provements at Lumby School, in the

North Okanagan electoral district. A

hot-air heating system has been de-

vised upon for the school.

New Farmers' Institute.—The Min-

ister of Agriculture has issued a cer-

tificate of incorporation to the Trapp

Lake Farmers' Institute, this being the

145th to be established in the province.

Its head office will be at Trapp Lake,

in the Kamloops electoral district, and

it will do business in that vicinity.

Timber Sale.—The Minister of Lands

is calling for tenders for the purchase

of timber license X550, under which

may be cut 2,532,000 feet of Douglas

fir, cedar, hemlock, white pine and bal-

sam, situated on Salmon Bay, Say-

ward District. Two years will be al-

lowed for the removal of the timber.

Water Applications.—The corpora-

tion of the District of North Vancou-

ver is applying for the right to take

and use seventeen miners' inches of

water out of Mackay Creek, Lynn

Valley, for municipal purposes. The

British Canadian Lumber Corporation,

Limited, seeks the right to use the

waters of San Juan River, Renfrew

District, for driving, booming and

rafting logs, and to clear the stream

for that purpose.

Provincial Appointments.—The fol-

lowing provincial appointments are

gazetted this week: Justices of the

peace—John Murray, Port Moody;

Thomas M. Cairns, Cairnes, Kootenay;

Notaries public—Charles R. Ward,

Cranbrook; Bertram G. B. Phillips,

Vancouver; Alfred W. H. Curtis, Van-

couver; George J. Hardy, Courtenay;

Ernest A. Lawrence, Sidney, N. S. W.

is to be a commissioner for taking ad-

judavits within the state of New South

Wales for use in this province. Dr. C.

H. Gatewood, Robert Macpherson and

Blake Wilson are to be members of

the board of directors of the Vancou-

ver General Hospital for the twelve

months ending February 14, 1918.

Police and License Boards.—The

following police and license boards

have been named, in addition to those

which have already been published:

Vernon, Ald. Reynolds and F. E. Cos-

mitt, license; Ald. Carswell and Wil-

liam G. McKenzie, police. Enderby,

Ald. Pravel and Robert Jones, license;

Ald. Cartwright and Robert E. Peel, po-

lice. Armstrong, Ald. Fraser and Ed-

gar T. Abbott, license; Ald. Croft and

E. J. Murray, police. Chilliwack, Cos-

mitt, license; Ald. Wells, license;

Coun. Wells and Robert Mercer, police.

Trail, Ald. Evans and Percy Dunker-

ley, license and police. George A.

Harris takes the place of James T.

Plintoff on the Duncan Police Board,

and Coun. John Loney replaces Edward

Loney on the Surrey District License

Board.

Pink and White Vaudeville.—This

week for the first time in connection

with the popular Red Cross Saturday

night entertainments at the Oak Bay

Theatre two shows will be given, one

at 7.30 and the other at 9. It is to be

a combination of vaudeville and

minstrel show with jokes and quips

interspersed among the songs. Mrs.

Davis, who was prominent in connec-

tion with the pantomime production,

has charge of the arrangements. The

main features of the programme fol-

low: Opening chorus, The Pierrots;

Harry Lauder songs, R. McKenzie;

Irish jig, Miss Phyllis Dubois; "Love's

Garden of Roses," Mrs. Harry Briggs;

"On a Saturday Afternoon," Miss D. R.

McConman; "Little Bit of Bad in Every

Good Little Girl," Miss Erminie Bass;

fox trot, Misses Laura Enne and Carol

Tolmie; "Some Bug Will Get You,"

Miss Maimie Fraser; duet from "San

Toy," Mrs. McConman and R. Mc-

Kenzie; "Mary," Miss Mona Mison;

"Gilbert the Filbert," G. Horrocks;

chorus, by the Pierrots. The usual ad-

mission fee will be charged.

LORD'S DAY ACT

Breaches of Sunday Trading, Except
by Exempt Classes, Will Be
Prosecuted.

The police commissioners yesterday
afternoon, at the first meeting since
organization, decided to enforce the
Lord's Day Act against stores trading
on Sunday. Except tobacco stands,
newspapers, magazines and confection-
ery, following a report on the in-
spection made last Sunday. The al-
legation is that Orientals and aliens
have sold dry goods, groceries, vege-
tables, etc., in addition to exempted
articles.

On request from various organiza-
tions, the commissioners will enforce
the rule against overhauling branches
over sidewalks, requiring owners of
frontages to cut them.

To the lowest paid men in the force,
17 patrolmen, one motor cycle man,
and a police patrol driver small in-
creases in salary were granted.

Following a recent case in court, the
police will watch all automobile driv-
ers, who attempt to pass street cars on
the right hand side, whether the cars
are standing or moving, and prosecute
breaches of the law.

Sergeant Inspector Walker, recently
appointed to act with Sergeant Inspector
Heathley to divide the watches, will re-
vert to the position of desk sergeant.

The commissioners ascertained that
a part of the high cost of the police
patrol in 1916 was due to expenditures
being charged against it which should
have gone to the buildings and other
accounts.

SOCCER TO-MORROW

Games Will Be Played If Weather
Moderates Sufficiently.

As a rule Victoria sport enthusiasts can
boast that the weather conditions are such
in the city that the following of outdoor
sports are seldom interfered with. Present
indications, however, point to the fact
that some will be possible this week-
end unless the temperature becomes sud-
denly moderate. Three league games are
scheduled to be played to-morrow, and if
the condition of the ground permits they
will be contested as follows:

Senior.
Victoria Wests vs. Garrison, at Beacon
Hill. Referee, Goward.
Navy vs. V. I. A. A., at Canteen Ground,
Referee, Lockley.

Intermediate.
Retailers vs. James Bays, at Beacon
Hill upper ground. Referee, Sergeant Robin-

son.
The following line-ups have been an-
nounced:
Retailers—Jenson, Cox, Lomas, Chris-
tian, Rossouw, Payne, Skuce, Noulton,
Batchelor, Fletcher and Knight.
Victoria Wests—Mickelson, Whyte, Pet-
terew, Thackeray, Allan, Hill, Thomas,
McLeod, T. Peden, J. Peden, Sherratt.

Goes to Higher Court.—That the
case of Chase Puy and Chaw Jip, two
Chinamen, accused of violent robbery
of \$235.50 during a game of fan-tan
in the Goldfield Club on the evening of
February 14, be taken before a higher
court, was the election made by the
defence in the police court this morn-

ing.
Basketball.—The Sunday School
League games have now reached the
halfway point in the schedule. The
following matches will take place in
First Presbyterian Church Gymnasium
to-morrow night, at 7.30 p. m.—Bel-
monts v. Congregational (Ladies), at
8.15—Congregational v. Presbyterian
"A" (Intermediate). At 9—James
Bays v. Presbyterian "B." Good games
are expected in all these fixtures.

Case Again Remanded.—The case of
Antonio Stoltare, Antonio Cathardi
and Pasco Missano the three men ac-
cused of wounding two sailors Weston
and Kussifer with the intention of do-
ing grievous bodily harm to the men
was again remanded in the police court
this morning. The condition of the in-
jured men makes it impossible for
them to be at the court before the
beginning of the week. They will ap-
pear to give evidence on Monday
morning.

Many Requests.—G. G. McGeer, M.
P. for Richmond, introduced a depu-
tation to the executive yesterday af-
ternoon from Point Grey, Burnaby
and Richmond, which had to deal with
school and municipal matters affecting
those constituencies. In the deputa-
tion were Reeves Fletcher and Tilton,
Councillors Lembroke and Tomsett,
Captain Stewart, Trustee Pearce and
Clerk Floyd. They asked that the
Government take over the road from
Burnaby to Woodward's Landing and
pay it, that it be hand over to the
school board an acre and a half for
school gardening purposes, that a
stretch of beach on Spanish Banks be
turned over for park purposes, and
that the Government have a tax sale of
subdivision lots in Point Grey on which
there are tax arrears. These requests
will receive consideration.

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Woo. Arthur Collins.
- 2043—Some Girls Do and Some Girls Don't. Oscar Shaw.
- 2123—Ireland Must Be Heaven. Charles Harrison.
- 2110—I Hear You Calling Me. Charles Harrison.
- 2137—Two Eyes of Grey. Charles Harrison.
- 2119—Hawaiian. Portuguese Tango.
- 5839—A Perfect Day. Oscar Seagle.
- 2058—Yaaka, Hula, Hickey Dula. Piano and Drum Duet.
- 2305—When Your Boy Comes Back to You. C. W. Har-
rison.
- 4001—I'll Be a Long, Long Way From Home. Imperial
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AT THE THEATRES

VARIETY THEATRE:

When the Famous Players Film Company decided to adapt Frank McIntyre's great stage success, "The Travelling Salesman" with the star in the role which made him famous on the stage, it was also decided that a small Long Island town not far from the Famous Players studio would be used as the scene of the action, in producing the picture for the Paramount Programme. But the very first day that the players arrived at the chosen town, one of the village celebrities noticed McIntyre among the players and, remembering his remarkable performance on the stage, made bold to speak to the actor. McIntyre, always affable, dropped into conversation with the man and in the course of his remarks, mentioned the fact that he was doing "The Travelling Salesman" as a motion picture. The stranger's attitude changed immediately and he hurried away. Soon a constable, resplendent in a highly polished badge and best suit, marched majestically up to Director Joseph Kaufman, who was in charge of the production, and informed him that the township did not propose to be made the scene of the picture because the story was a distinct reflection upon the town in which the action occurred. Blankville was too well-known to permit itself to be held up to ridicule on the motion picture screen throughout the world and if the movie people did not pack up and get out, somebody would spend the night in the cooler. The "constable" remained obdurate in the face of much persuasion and the players were finally forced to seek another town in which to stage this Paramount picture, which is the attraction at the Variety Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

THE ROYAL VICTORIA.

A tiny Forest of Arden, where tall cypresses, poplars and Italian pines, whisper to one another in the soft Southern California breeze, furnished the setting for many of the scenes of "The Old Folks at Home," new Triangle-Fine Arts play starring Sir Herbert Tree.

A portion of the site of the Triangle studios was once a part of a vast estate and the miniature forest in other days shaded the verandas of a country home. The fine old trees, interlaced with flowering vines, provide an ideal park, and in this idyllic dell Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, the famous English actor, Chester Withey, his director, and others who had leading roles in the new Triangle-Fine Arts play, "The Old Folks at Home," congregated each morning during the filming of the play for discussion of the day's business and a few moments' rehearsal of the roles.

With a smile illuminating his face, Sir Herbert, looking up through the green leaves to the warm blue sky, said one morning:

"It's wonderful, wonderful, to be able to live out of doors like this—and be paid a salary for it at the same time! To breathe this delightful air, to hear the birds singing and to fairly feel the grass growing—and yet to be working—that is life indeed!"

With the exception of his Shakespearean roles, Sir Herbert Tree has probably never had a part more suited to his talents than that of John Cowburn, the stern father in "The Old Folks at Home." The uncompromisingly honest man, who has lived up to a set standard of life, with no consideration for others who may fall below it.

The humanizing effect produced on the old man by the dire trouble of his son, who kills a man under more or less justifiable circumstances, give Sir Herbert a remarkable change for emotional work, and the great actor's rehearsals in the little park were fully watched with the greatest interest by his company.

In Mr. Tree's supporting cast are Josephine Crowell, as his wife, Elmer Clifton as his son, Mildred Harris as the son's sweetheart, and Lucille Young as a "siren."

DOMINION THEATRE.

Harry Hilliard, who has appeared in many Fox screen dramas, is appearing as Romeo with Theda Bara as Juliet at the Dominion Theatre this week. Mr. Hilliard portrays the young son of the house of Montague, who falls in love with Juliet, daughter of Capulet. Capulets and Montagues had been enemies for years, and their duels in the street had led the Prince of Verona to decree instant death to anyone who resumed the quarrel.

Juliet is also beloved by Count Paris, but her own affection is all for Romeo. At a masquerade in Capulet's house, Romeo attends, and Tybalt, a fiery cousin of the host (John Webb Dillon), discovers this. He is kept from violence by the restraining hand of old Capulet.

That night, Romeo climbs the wall of the Capulet gardens, and approaches the window where stands Juliet. She steps to her balcony and sees her lover below her. In the scenes of happy love-making that follow, Romeo arranges that the two shall be married by Friar Laurence at his cell next day. Juliet's old nurse (Alice Gale) shall act as go-between for them.

The plan is successfully carried out. Just after the secret wedding, Tybalt, still enraged at the proceedings of the previous evening, picks a brawl with Mercutio (Glen White), Romeo's bosom friend. A fight follows, and Mercutio is killed. Just as Romeo comes to, he hears the two to stop fighting, but Tybalt taunts him and draws Romeo himself into a duel. As the Montague kills Tybalt, the Prince of Verona arrives, sees the fighting, and orders Romeo's arrest.

Romeo is banished. In the trial which follows, Romeo is banished from the city. He spends a last fond evening in secret with Juliet, then starts on his way to Mantua. He

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

W. F. Cline, of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

F. G. Pollard, of Seattle, is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel.

E. A. Janna, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. G. G. G. of Nanaimo, is stopping at the Dominion.

A. Lomas, of Jubilee, B. C., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

W. J. Roberts, of Montreal, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

William A. Lamb, of Chicago, has arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Deryl F. Wade, of Kamloops, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

Charles E. Webb, of Spokane, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

John T. Chisholm, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel.

J. S. Woodworth, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Capt. W. F. Stewart, of Marpole, B. C., is at the Dominion Hotel.

F. H. Burns and wife are guests at the Metropolis Hotel from Alaska.

E. H. Clark is a guest at the Metropolis Hotel from Shawinigan Lake.

Mrs. Howard Dent, of Seattle, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

R. W. Houston, of Tussock, Sask., is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

John T. Reekie, of Kelowna, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, of Toronto, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

R. C. Davies and J. C. Davis are at the Metropolis Hotel from Ardenodan, Alta.

J. S. G. A. A. and J. A. Rumball, of Vancouver, are guests at the Metropolis Hotel.

E. Gardner-Smith is down from Duncan and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

John Holland and F. A. Smith, of Seattle, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Geo. Davison and Mrs. Davison, from Winnipeg, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

A. E. Mainwaring is down from Nanaimo and has registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. T. W. Tyson and Mrs. Franklin Kales, of San Francisco, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

W. J. McComb and Mrs. McComb, visitors from Brandon, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harding are down from Cowichan Lake and are guests at the Hotel Metropolis.

The Vancouver arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel include: C. E. Bowman, A. Stalter and A. C. Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. Westgate and daughter, of Regina, are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. L. Reynolds and family, of Weyburn, Sask., are amongst yesterday's registrations at the Dominion Hotel.

Misses Louise Sissons and Esther Irewell, of Clive, Alta., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

RED CROSS WORK

Lecture, Comfort-Bag Shower and Ping-Pong Tournament Aiding Good Cause.

The Equilmalt Branch of the Red Cross in the near future will benefit by a lecture which J. P. Babcock, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, has very kindly agreed to give on the subject of "Salmon" with stereoscopic views. Announcement of the time and place will be given in the course of a few days.

James Bay Red Cross. A very successful comfort-bag shower was given last Saturday evening under the auspices of the James Bay Branch by the Misses Fowkes, Olympia Avenue. Seven complete sets, in addition to numbers of other articles, also several dollars in cash were the result. The ladies' committee will hold an afternoon tea and silver shower on Tuesday afternoon, February 27, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the branch headquarters, 218 Menzies Street. A cordial general invitation both to James Bay residents and their friends is extended. The tea will be free, and the shower will be for the collection of articles for comfort bags, with which, it is hoped, every lady will come provided.

Ping-Pong Tournament. The ping-pong tournament being held to-day and to-morrow at 308 Pemberton Building, under the auspices of the Oak Bay Red Cross Society and in behalf of their funds, has had very gratifying support, no less than 79 entries being recorded. Play commenced at 2.30 this afternoon, the tables to-day being chiefly taken up with the playing of ladies' singles and doubles. Play will continue to-night, and will be resumed to-morrow afternoon, which has been reserved as far as possible for the playing of men's singles and doubles. Mixed doubles have also been arranged, and a very interesting tournament is promised for both players and onlookers. The latter will be welcomed.

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comed. The tournament will close to-morrow night.

Duchess for President.

Col. G. A. Sweeney, Chairman, in rising to open the annual meeting of the Canadian Red Cross Society in Toronto yesterday, announced that the Duchess of Connaught had graciously consented once more to become its president, and read the following cablegram from Her Royal Highness: "I am delighted that my name is brought up as President, and much appreciate my re-election. The Duke and I send our cordial greetings to the Canadian Red Cross, every good wish to the workers and thanks for what they have stand on this platform in any kind of gloom or depression, but this war is not finished yet. We have against us a brave but unscrupulous enemy, and we have got to continue to fight no matter how hard it may be until that enemy is crushed. To the ultimate result we can look forward with complete confidence, but we have got to be prepared any day for something infinitely worse than anything we have yet gone through. Still I know that the people of Britain and Canada will bear whatever comes in the future as they have done in the past." After expressing thanks on behalf of the Duchess and himself for having been elected patrons of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Duke paid tribute to the work done by the society, which, he said, had done much to cement the ties, not only between the different parts of the Empire, but between the Allies as well. The financial report showed total receipts of \$1,575,143, out of which amount \$121,738.14 went in contributions to other organizations; \$55,148 were general expenses; \$54,926 administrative expenses and a balance on hand of \$652,663.04.

CANADIAN PIONEERS HELP THOMAS ATKINS

Captain Hayward Describes
Bathing Establishments
at the Front

SAW THE TANKS GO TO FIRST ENCOUNTER

Difficulties of Getting News of
Missing Men Not
Understood

"An actual description of a tank in action, what it does, how it does it and what takes place inside and the effect of the enemy's shell fire on that mysterious craft, is only possible from the individual who has either sheltered behind the monster in an advance or actually engaged in the manipulation of its mechanism. In the early days of last September," said Capt. Hayward, M. P., in a chat with a Times representative last night, "we were astounded by the appearance of several of these extraordinary landships, and although I did not witness their real work I was afforded an unique opportunity of gauging to some extent their possibilities."

Secret Well Guarded.
Capt. Hayward stated that so well had the secret been guarded concerning this new creation, or rather this extensive elaboration of the armored car, that scarcely anyone in the advanced areas had the faintest idea of its existence. Its uses, it was possible to believe, were unlimited, that is in the capacity of a traveling fort. Capt. Hay-

ward was privileged to examine the exterior of one of the tanks very minutely after its first encounter, and he was of the opinion that it had been attacked only by bombers, since the "damage" was merely a series of small dents and scratches.

Unlimited Capabilities.
As to the amount of "dislocation" of its general structure which would follow on a direct hit by a large calibre shell, the Captain was of the opinion that its career would doubtless be somewhat disturbed to say the least of it. Their capabilities, however, of withstanding fire of the smaller type were unlimited. The tank in action is used more especially for the subjugation of machine gun "nests," meaning that more often than not, the landship is so near to the enemy's lines that heavy barrage or concentrated shell fire on the tank would jeopardize the safety of the enemy's own troops. As to the fate of a tank when it became stranded—Capt. Hayward stated that several had been so unfortunately placed—he was not able to say whether it fell into the hands of the enemy before it was destroyed by our own batteries or not.

Duties of the Pioneer.
The Captain declared that the work of the Pioneer was almost identical with that of the engineer, save that the latter was the aristocrat of the business and the senior branch of that phase of military work. "Our work is confined to what is known as the 'forward area,' and that may be described as from a point stretching from the first or advanced line trenches, backwards to a distance where works, stores and supplies directly affecting active operations may be found, which also goes by the name of 'shell area.' The duties that devolve upon the Pioneer," continued the Captain, "comprise a very wide range, from the erection of all that is understood by the word 'camp' all the way up to the dangerous consolidation operations carried on in areas newly captured after an advance of our troops."

Dangerous Work.
Captain Hayward took paper and pencil and sketched a trench to describe the effect of shell fire on different kinds of earth and the mode of repairing the damage. The systems of revetment include that of wire and wattle reinforcement, dependent upon the nature of the soil. The Pioneer also lays cable wires, builds communication trenches, dug-outs and the like, the major portion of which is required to be carried out in the nighttime. Some of the most dangerous work accomplished by Captain Hayward's battalion was in the erection of machine gun emplacements in the Ypres salient, where every point of vantage was used for the purpose. That work, said the Captain, was invariably carried out to the accompaniment of German artillery attention from three sides.

From Trench to Hot Bath.
"However," he continued "do not imagine for one moment that the work of the pioneer is all lost to view. Just outside the shell area our branch of the service has erected all along the British lines huge bathing 'colonies' for the Tommy." Captain Hayward stated that many buildings adjacent to the 'back of the line' have been used where practicable for this purpose and when otherwise wooden or corrugated iron structures have been erected by his men. The bottom floor of these establishments is of corrugated iron over which a second floor of wood bath mats is built, slightly convex and latticed to permit the water to escape. Suspended at intervals are showerbath apparatus of the ordinary domestic plumbing type, so that many men in one building are enabled to get a hot shower bath simultaneously, within a comparatively short time after leaving the danger zone. Motor engines are used to pump the water and the heating is done by large boilers. All the necessary materials for this, and the numerous other kinds of work in the advanced areas, are sent up from the Royal Engineers' supply dump at the rear and whenever material is needed, no matter for what purpose, it is always delivered at the right spot at the right time, such is the state of perfection to which the engineering de-

partment of the British Army have arrived. A tremendous amount of light railway work has been carried out by the First Canadian Pioneer.

"Posted as Missing."
As some explanation of the lapse of time, often necessary before accurate information of missing men can be secured, Captain Hayward says that the sense of isolation felt and really existent, in the advanced areas is almost indescribable. He declares that one's knowledge of happenings but a few yards on either side is so scanty that frequently one-half of a battalion scarcely knows what the other half is doing. In some cases when a man has failed to return to the trench or dressing station, after some encounter, trench raid or the like, dozens of men have to be questioned as to when or where the unfortunate was last seen. If no information can be obtained in this manner it may often mean weeks before authoritative news can be secured as to his fate. Capt. Hayward says people who do not understand the conditions can never thoroughly appreciate the difficulties with which the Records Office is confronted at times.

Very Optimistic.
The Captain is brimful of optimism concerning the coming operations and expects to leave to take part in them during the first week of April. During his period of leave he will devote himself to the duties of the session of the Provincial Legislature.

U. S. ARMY AIRMAN WITH VICTORIA BOYS

Sped up Departure by Wire;
Four R. F. C. Boys Leaving
the City To-night

Not content with sitting idle waiting for instructions to come to them through the ordinary official channels, Lieutenant Campbell, R. S. Greig and J. H. Drewry conspired together yesterday and dispatched a telegram to Lord Innes-Kerr, who is in charge of the arrangements in connection with the Royal Flying Corps in Canada, asking that they might go east at once and join the party already at Toronto to be sent to England. It was a plan worth while, for yesterday afternoon Lord Innes-Kerr rewarded their enterprise by instructing them to apply to Captain Tweedale at Work Point, who has provided them with transportation to Toronto, whither they go on tonight's boat.

U. S. Army Aviator.
Pat O'Brian, as his name would imply, is Irish. He came up from San Francisco the other day and presented himself to Captain Tweedale, at Work Point, and asked for permission to join the Royal Flying Corps. Unlike most of the candidates who will soon be making their first acquaintance with the air pockets which used to cause so much trouble before the war, O'Brian was able to produce, among his credentials a certificate testifying to five hours' continuous flight. He has had two and a half years' experience with the Flying Wing of the United States Army, is an expert mechanic and in his twenty-third year. He will be the fourth in the party leaving to-night for Toronto.

Sprinter and Marksman.
Born in the city of Victoria twenty-two years ago, J. H. Drewry was in his third year at the B. C. University, taking a course in civil engineering, when he saw Lord Innes-Kerr in Vancouver last month, applied and was accepted for service in the Royal Flying Corps. He was connected with the Officers' Training Corps at the University and has done well in range shooting at the Civilian Club here. In connection with the High School Cadet Corps he won the rifle given by the I. O. D. E. in 1914, while several cups and medals in his possession are added testimony of his prowess with the rifle. As a sprinter in the 100 yards, 220 yards, as well as in the broad jump he was able to hold his own. He belonged to the Swinerton Cup team in 1915-1916 in connection with the University and High Schools. Mr. Drewry is the son of W. S. Drewry, of 727 Linden Ave.

Was With Gordons.
Ever since hostilities commenced Gordon Campbell, son of Rev. Dr. J. Campbell, of "Breadalbane," has been in uniform. Born and educated in Victoria he was one of the students selected for the High School debating team which twice won in contests with Vancouver High School orators. His versatility was demonstrated later by the acceptance of one of his articles, "E. C. to Berlin," which appeared in the January, 1916, number of Pearson's Magazine. Prior to the war he was a student-at-law for two years with Bodwell & Lawson.

Although a member of the 5th Regiment for four years before the war he joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders last December, took a lieutenant's course at Work Point, and received his certificate in January. When Lord Innes Kerr was here he joined the flying corps, and is leaving by the mid-night boat to-night for Vancouver. Gordon Campbell is the youngest of four sons of Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, Fort Street, the brothers being Major J. F. Campbell, Military Cross, of the 3rd Canadian Pioneer (48th Battalion); Walter Neil Campbell, who went away with the 30th, was twelve months in the trenches, returned on a three months' furlough after having typhoid fever, and left two weeks ago for England to return to France as a member of the 15th Canadian Scottish; and Douglas Campbell, who went out with the first draft from the 5th C. G. A. in August, 1914. Owing to severe illness contracted in England he was unable to get to the front, and returned to Victoria, now being in the Forestry office here.

Splendid Marksman's Record.
At the age of seventeen, on the night of August 4th, 1914, R. S. Greig went

to the headquarters of the 50th Gordon Highlanders and placed his name second on the volunteer list for active service, barely a couple of hours after it was known that Great Britain had decided to enter the war. Major-General (then Colonel Currie), however, telephoned to the boy's mother that it was impossible to accept him for service on account of his age. It was during the winter months of 1914-1915 that Greig caused quite a sensation at the headquarters of the Civilian Rifle Club, where, under the expert tuition of Captain Gallop, he created a record in the Canadian Rifle League Miniature Series. The series were held throughout Canada in four shoots, with a possible 100 points (ten bulls) for each. Greig was successful in carrying off the forty continuous bulls which is the limit obtainable. With a 303 Military Rifle on the open range he has repeatedly scored all possibilities in the 200 and 500 yards. Mr. Greig was born in Carman, Manitoba, and was educated at the Winnipeg Public School, University School, Mount Toimie, and later at Ashley Sparks Preparatory School, and is just twenty years of age.

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

The new mace for the Canadian House of Commons to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last year has been made, not by the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, as has been said, but by the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company, City guilds, of course, do not make anything. The general design of the new mace is on similar lines to the one in use in our House of Commons.—London Chronicle.

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They're looking for men, they say."
"But you're only a boy, Young Fellow My Lad.
You aren't obliged to go."
"I'm seventeen and a quarter, Dad,
And ever so strong, you know."
"So you're off to France, Young Fellow My Lad,
And you're looking so fit and bright."
"I'm terribly sorry to leave you, Dad,
But I feel that I'm doing right."
"God bless you and keep you, Young Fellow My Lad,
You're all of my life, you know."
"Don't worry, I'll soon be back, dear Dad,
And I'm awfully proud to go."

"Why don't you write, Young Fellow My Lad?
I watch for the post each day,
And I miss you so, and I'm awfully sad,
And it's months since you went away,
And I've had the fire in the parlor lit,
And I'm keeping it burning bright
Till my boy comes home; and here I sit
Into the quiet night."

"What is the matter, Young Fellow My Lad?
No letter again to-day.
Why did the postman look so sad,
And sigh as he turned away?
I hear them tell that we've gained new ground,
But a terrible price we've paid;
God grant, my boy, that you're safe and sound;
But, oh, I'm afraid, afraid."

"They've told me the truth, Young Fellow My Lad;
You'll never come back again;
(Oh God! the dreams and the dreams I've had,
And the hopes I've nursed in vain!)
For you passed in the night, Young Fellow My Lad,
And you proved in the cruel test
Of the screaming shell and the battle hell
That my boy was one of the best."

"So you'll live, you'll live, Young Fellow My Lad,
In the gleam of the evening star,
In the wood-note wild and the laugh of the child,
In all sweet things that are,
And you'll never die, my wonderful boy,
While life is noble and true;
For all our beauty and hope and joy
We will owe to our lads like you."
—By Robert Service, in Rhymes of a Red Cross Man.

There are no lady barristers in England yet, but the war has introduced us to the barrister's lady clerk. Some of these are women who have joined the places of husbands who have joined the army. They may be seen in Lincoln's Inn and the Temple carrying the familiar blue bag of the "stuffy gowman," and in the Law Courts, where they hand books and papers to their "men"—to use the slang term of the profession—with the characteristic assurance of the most experienced barrister's male clerk.—London Chronicle.

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BRITISH PLUCK OF SAME HIGH QUALITY

Men at Paardeberg Made of
Right Stuff Says Col-
onel Cartwright

Whether it was in the campaign in South Africa or on the various battlefields of the present war, Col. Cartwright told the returned soldiers of this and former wars at the Campaigners' Smoker last night that the quality of British pluck was of that same high standard that had always enabled the British Empire to raise her might against a wrong. Although the campaign in which he had taken part in South Africa could almost be classed as an absurdity, he was able to testify from his personal knowledge that the men who fought on the veldt were men made of the right kind of stuff.

Conscription of Profits.
He fully believed that the Returned Soldier would possess, and rightly so, a temper that would not tolerate superfluous profits, and for that reason he was of the opinion that war profits should be conscripted as a means of providing some part of the fund needed to look after the dependents of the soldier who did not return, as well as the men who were sent back to civil life disabled.

Tommy, the Irrepressible.
The Colonel took his hearers back to the morning when Cronje surrendered at Paardeberg, and regaled them with

one example of pluck on the part of Canadian Tommies who took part in that memorable engagement. He told of the Canadian trenches being near to the lines of the burghers, and of a number of the more venturesome boys from the Dominion actually going into the enemy's trenches and telling them that if they did not surrender that day every mother's son of them would be bayoneted. After this gentle reminder he said they returned to their own lines.

Gunner Buchan, who was with the Imperial Army at Paardeberg gave his experiences during the landing of British troops at Gallipoli.

Even if the demand of the super-Huns that the Wallons and the whole of their country, southeastern Belgium, should be annexed were granted, Germany would soon find that she had laid out trouble for herself. The Wallons come of a fighting stock unused to tame submission. They are true Celts, descendants of the Belgae, whom Caesar found the hardest of all the Gauls to conquer, and they are the tallest and strongest of the people of Belgium, with a language of their own, which, however, is derived from the French. There were three and a half millions of them before the war, and the name Wallon, by which they are distinguished from the rest of the population, means Walshmen, or foreigners.—London Chronicle.

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Weak, nervous women whose strength has become depleted by overtaxing their vitality need Vinol, because it is a wonderful combination of the most famous reconstructive tonics,—Beef and Cod Liver Peptones, Iron and Manganese Peptones, Glycophosphates, etc., with a mild tonic wine. Nothing equals this combination to restore strength, vitality and vigor.

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WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 23, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.98; 23; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.99; 19; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince's Maquinn, 4.20 a. m., abeam White Rocks, northbound.
Pachena—Clear; 27; sea smooth.
Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.60; 20; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.73; 28; sea smooth.
Triangle—Clear; N. E.; light; 30.01; 29; sea moderate. Spoke str. Prince's Maquinn, 4.20 a. m., abeam White Rocks, northbound.
Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 29.87; 27; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Clear; N. E.; 29.60; 26; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.87; 27; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.04; 33; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.05; 33; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince's Maquinn, 10.30 a. m., abeam Maud Island, northbound.
Pachena—Clear; S. E.; 29.98; 40; sea moderate.
Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.70; 40; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.73; 39; sea smooth.
Triangle—Clear; N.; 30.00; 31; sea smooth.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. E. light; 29.91; 25; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Clear; calm; 29.61; 31; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; calm; 29.90; 30; sea smooth.

COL. ANDERSON COMING.

Col. W. F. Anderson, chief engineer of the Department of Marine, has arrived at Vancouver from Ottawa to investigate certain phases of the port development scheme of the Vancouver harbor commissioners. Under order-in-council the harbor commissioners must satisfy the department that its units must be self-supporting before permission is given to go ahead. Col. Anderson is expected to come on to this city from Vancouver.

RUNNING ON SCHEDULE.

The liner Niagara, of the Canadian Australasian fleet, got away from Honolulu on time, bound from this port for Auckland and Sydney.

TIDE TABLE.

February, 1917.									
Date.		Time of High Water.		Time of Low Water.		Time of Sunrise.		Time of Sunset.	
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15	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
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= Arrivals and Departures =

COASTWISE SERVICES.

For Vancouver
Steamer Prince George leaves daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Adelaide daily at 11.45 p. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.
From Vancouver
Steamer Prince: Adelaide arrives daily at 8 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 6.30 a. m.
For San Francisco
Steamer Princess leaves Feb. 23.
Steamer Governor, Feb. 28.
For Seattle
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.
From Seattle
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.
For Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.
From Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

FISH CONTROVERSY SPELLS TROUBLE

Amendment Framed to Prohibit Importation of All but Bonded Fish into States

CANADA WILL GO FAR TO PROTECT RIGHTS

New York, Feb. 23.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune writes:

Friction with Canada over that ever-present cause of quarrels, fisheries, is looming up.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, is trying again, by means of an amendment to the revenue bill, to prohibit importation into the United States except in bond of all fish caught in the North Pacific.

The quarrel on the west coast, the State Department has been informed by the British Ambassador, is sure to have a reaction on the east coast. The modus vivendi which was established after years of quarrel even to the verge of war by John Hay and under which American and foreign fishermen have peacefully fished on the Grand Banks for years, may even be denounced. The Canadians would go that far, they say, in the protection of what they look upon as their rights on the Pacific Coast.

Senator Chamberlain tried to push through a similar amendment to a revenue bill at the last session of Congress. On the last day of the session the conference committee withdrew the amendment, much to his disgust and against his earnest protest. That time the amendment included only halibut. Now it is to be broadened to apply to all fish. This is the American side of the question. The idea of the amendment is to counteract the activities of the Canadian Government in building up the port of Prince Rupert as the headquarters for the North Pacific fishing fleet.

Mr. Chamberlain charges that all sorts of inducements have been made for American vessels to bring their cargoes to Prince Rupert instead of taking them home to Portland or Seattle. These include rebates, a subsidized cold storage plant, and generally preferential treatment. These attempts have been incorporated in orders-in-council which have the full effect of laws.

Their frank purpose is eventually not only to bring the business to Prince Rupert, thus obtaining the tonnage for the new Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, but to induce the American fishing shipowners to place their vessels under the Canadian flag.

The Canadian side of the story is that the Americans are trying to force the development of Seattle at the expense of Prince Rupert, which is 500 miles nearer the fishing grounds. They also charge that the scheme is a drive at the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad and that the inevitable result will be to enhance the prices of fish, since it is cheaper and quicker to handle the fish at Prince Rupert and over the Canadian railroads.

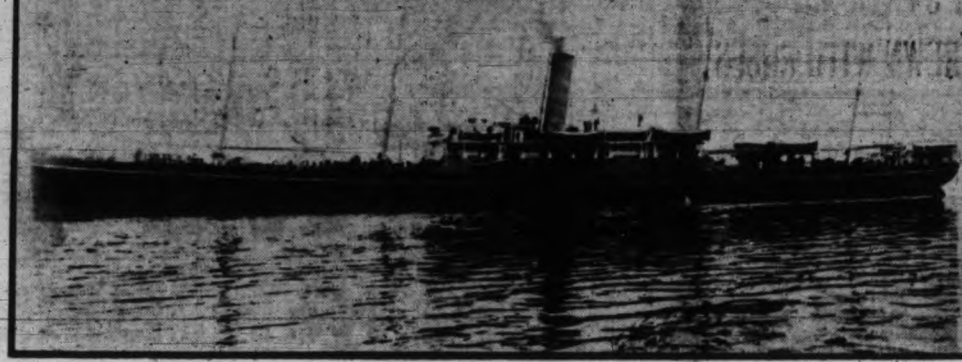
The opinion in Congress is that the amendment has not much chance at this session if any opposition at all develops. Senator Simmons, of the Finance Committee, possibly at the suggestion of the administration, beat the plan last time. It is easily within his power to do so again. But the senators from the west are pressing hard and the New Englanders are very much alarmed.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of February, 1917.									
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Feb. 10	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
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Feb. 13	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
Feb. 14	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
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Feb. 26	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
Feb. 27	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11
Feb. 28	5:12	8:12	18:40	2:1	10:11	5:12	18:40	2:1	10:11

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B. C.

CROSSING OCEAN AFTER ANNUAL REFIT



C. P. O. S. LINER MONTEAGLE

RUMORED HOLT FLEET MAY BE COMMANDEERED

Would Mean Temporary Withdrawal of Three Liners From Trans-Pacific Route

According to reports emanating from New York, British Columbia and Puget Sound ports are likely to lose one steamship line, the Blue Funnel, to the Far East, at least for the time being. The report states that the entire fleet of Alfred Holt & Co., numbering 84 vessels, may be requisitioned for government service by the British authorities, which, if true, would mean that the Blue Funnel liners, Ixion, Triton and Proteus, plying between here and the Orient, would be included. The three steamships named are operated on a monthly schedule between Hongkong, Yokohama, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle.

Officials of Dowdell & Co., general agents for the Blue Funnel Line on the North Pacific coast, claim that nothing official has been received regarding the reported requisitioning of the fleet, although it is admitted that unofficial rumors to that effect have reached them.

The liner Ixion, Capt. Black, is due here shortly from the Orient with a capacity cargo for all ports. When the Ixion was last here it was understood that she was to be withdrawn following her arrival at Hongkong, but the owners decided to operate her for one or two more voyages across the Pacific.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Feb. 22.—Arrived: Str. Spokane, Southeastern Alaska; Str. Marietta, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; bge William H. Smith, San Francisco, in tow of tug Sea Rover; Str. Admiral Schley, Vancouver, B. C., via Anacortes. Sailed: Str. Northwestern, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; Str. Marietta, Tacoma; bge Barracouta, Eagle Harbor, in tow of tug Prosper.

Aberdeen, Feb. 22.—Arrived: Str. Providence, from Santa Rosalia. Comox, B. C., Feb. 22.—Arrived: Str. Francis, from Seattle, in tow of tug Wanderer. Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 22.—Arrived: Str. Azumada Maru, from Vancouver, B. C.

Anacortes, Feb. 22.—Sailed: Str. Admiral Schley, for Seattle.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—Sailed: Str. Rose City, for San Francisco. San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Arrived: Jap str. Shinyo Maru, No. 2, from Yokohama; str. Umatilla and Admiral Evans, from Seattle; str. Chehalis, from Grays Harbor; str. Carlos, from Aberdeen; str. W. F. Herrin, from Astoria; bgtm. Georgina, from Sydney. Sailed: Str. F. S. Loop and Northern Pacific, for Astoria; str. Johan Paulsen and Admiral Dewar, for Seattle; str. Breakwater, for Portland.

Mukilteo, Feb. 22.—The str. Port Angeles, on her first trip, arrived from Everett last night.

(20) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

Baynes Sound—Union Bay—Canadian Colliers Limited Coaling Wharf—Depths Aligned.

Depth of wharf: The basin on each side of the Canadian Colliers Limited coaling wharf at Union Bay has been deepened by the Department of Public Works of Canada by the removal of considerable hardpan and boulders. On the southwest side there is an irregular basin 30 feet wide at the outer end, the width tapering to a point 300 feet inside the head having a depth of 30 feet or over. On the northeast side depths of 30 feet extend 300 feet inside the head, except for a strip 15 feet wide or less immediately alongside the wharf.

(25) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

Baynes Sound—Roy's Beach (Royston)—Wharf.

Wharf—A government wharf extends 1,200 feet from Roy's beach in Lat. N. 49 deg. 35 min. 30 sec., long. W. 124 deg. 56 min. 30 sec., 0.73 mile westward of Grassy Point. The outer end of the wharf is in lat. N. 49 deg. 35 min. 11 sec., long. W. 124 deg. 56 min. The approach is 16 feet wide, extending 1,200 feet from the shore at high water mark, with an sill at its end, 100 feet long by 6 feet wide, extending eastward. Dredging A and B bank at the northeastern end of the wharf was dredged to a depth of 15 feet at low water. The depth along the face of the wharf varies from 16 feet at the east end to 21 feet at the west end.

(26) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

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(29) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

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(30) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

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(31) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

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(32) Vancouver Island—East Coast—

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SPORTING NEWS

SPOKANE CANARIES

MEET METS TO-DAY

Interest Becomes Keen as End of Coast Race Approaches

With the championship almost within their grasp, Seattle hockey representatives, who have been practicing daily for the final dash toward the pennant, will attempt to cross the first bridge between them and the honors to-night, when Lester Patrick's Spokane aggregation invades the Seattle Arena.

Portland's win from Vancouver has given the Mets a little better lead, but Muldoon's lads have not cinched anything yet. Spokane must be beaten twice and Portland once before the Seattle team can be sure of the chance to compete in the world's series, and those who follow hockey know that three straight games are difficult to win by any club.

Seattle is Favorite. Seattle should beat the Canaries on the day to-night, but the dope in hockey is pretty unreliable. Spokane has been working hard in the Inland Empire city for the Seattle game, and they will take delight in trouncing the Mets if the latter aren't fighting at top form. Patrick's men are fighting to keep out of the cellar, and they are not going to lose to-morrow's tilt without a hard struggle.

The Mets have missed the services of Jack Walker in the last two practice spins, as the hook-check artist has been sick with a bad cold. But Muldoon thinks that his star forward will be able to get into the fray to-night.

In Case of a Tie. If Vancouver should be successful in winning the rest of its games and the Mets should drop one, the race would be tied, and a series between these two teams would be necessary to decide the champion. In this case two contests would be played, one in each city, and the team which annexed the most goals in the two games would be awarded the honors.

At present it looks as if the world's series would be played about March 18. No dates have been selected, but it is figured that the Easterners could finish their post-season games and make the trip here about the 18th, leaving them a couple of days to rest and practice.

Vancouver faces another hard battle Saturday night, when the Millionaires run into Portland again. This game will be played at Vancouver, however, and Frank Patrick's men might turn the tables this time.

VANCOUVER CRICKETERS HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

Vancouver, Feb. 22.—Brookton Point cricketers held their annual meeting in the sportsmen's room at the Hotel Vancouver last night when officers were elected and plans for the coming season discussed. O. L. Bancroft reported that he was in receipt of several applications from juvenile players who desired the opportunity of engaging in the game, and it was decided to assist the boys in every manner possible. Some definite plan will probably be adopted before the season commences for assisting the young talent. G. F. St. J. Davey will again captain the team with G. C. Peel vice-captain. O. L. Bancroft was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Other officials were appointed as follows: President, R. Marpole; vice-presidents, J. L. G. Abbott, O. Harvey, D. R. Clarke, W. M. Griffin, P. R. Brooke, W. E. Hodges, R. H. Cliburn, J. Flynn, T. J. Darby, P. J. Bain, E. Horne, A. Malins and W. A. Tarquand. Executive committee: H. Shotton, T. F. Hurley, S. E. Pamphilon and J. F. Mendes; and the selection committee will consist of the captain, vice-captain, the secretary, and J. F. Mendes. Mr. W. H. Crossfield was made a life member of the club in appreciation of his long and valuable services to the game from its local infancy to the present time.

SUFFERS BREAKDOWN



AD WOLGAST

Former world's lightweight champion who according to the latest reports is suffering from a general breakdown due to over-training.

DATES ARE FIXED FOR N. H. A. FINALS

March 7 and 10 Named for the Home and Home Series for Title

Wednesday, March 7, and Saturday, March 10, are the dates set for playing off the home and home final for the National Hockey Association championship, according to a dispatch from Montreal, Canadiens will be in one end of the play-off, and from the present appearance of things either Ottawa or Quebec will be the party to the second part. As the Patricks had named the week of March 16 for playing the world's series games at Seattle, it is probable the coast league will be compelled to put back their dates five or six days at least. The victorious team in the East will leave on March 11 or 12 for the coast, and under the best of conditions could not reach their destination inside five days.

March 19, 21, 23 and 26 are the dates fixed for the world's series. Earlier dates were suggested by the Coast League, but the eastern winners were unable to arrive in time, and a change was made accordingly.

N. H. A. Standing.	
	Goals.
W. L. P. A. P. C.	
Quebec	6 1 29 19 827
Ottawa	5 2 30 14 714
Canadiens	3 4 22 26 428
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PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York, Feb. 22.—A resolution adopted by the American League provides the following preparedness programme for ball-players:

First—Become citizen soldiers.

Second—One hour each day shall be given over to military instruction in training camps, and players shall march to training field in military formation.

Third—Military drills will be continued through the summer during morning practice.

Fourth—Suggested that a military training camp similar to Plattsburg be established for ball-players immediately after the world's series.

Ban Johnson will consult with Major-General Leonard Wood regarding the project.

DARCY'S PATH NOT

STREWN WITH ROSES

Jess-Willard Offered to Put Up \$30,000 for Darcy-Gibbons Match

Lea Darcy's American invasion is by no means proving a path of roses. First off his scheduled vaudeville tour of fifteen weeks was a fizzle. He was to have received \$2,500 a week for fifteen weeks, but the barn-storming trip was abandoned in a few weeks, the Australian champion only drawing down \$8,000.

Now comes the announcement from Darcy himself that he has torn away from the apronstrings of his manager, E. T. O'Sullivan.

Incidentally, Darcy declares that the match with Mike Gibbons, for which O'Sullivan signed with a Milwaukee club, was made without his authority and that he won't accept it.

But it isn't a sure thing that there will be a Darcy-McCoy bout, as the Broadway Sporting Club is going to insist that McCoy first go through with the match with Jack Dillon, which he has twice called off.

There is talk of Billy Miske boxing Darcy in the Garden if McCoy has to box Dillon, which the boxing commission announces he will have to do.

Meanwhile O'Sullivan insists that he is entitled to 25 per cent of every dollar that Darcy earns in this country.

Here's a new one! Jess Willard longs to shine as a rival of Tex Rickard. According to Mike Gibbons' manager, it is Jess who offered to put up \$30,000 for a Darcy-Gibbons match. That is, presumably, Jess was to furnish the legal tender, for the offer came from Jess Willard, Jones and Sherman. Jess has so much money these days that he forgets where he deposited the last hundred thousand. Tom Jones, however, is always around ready to remind him.

Jess has made money enough out of circus stuff and boxing since he knocked out Jack Johnson to paper a church with yellowbacks. He has been fighting 'the gathering kid'. Money has come his way in flocks. He hasn't sidestepped a chance. Making money has become so monotonous that he longs to spend something. He has about five motor cars, and any one who can show him a bus with a diamond-studded frame and a gold inlaid exhaust pipe can sell him another. Jess' idea of a flivver is a car that costs only \$18,000.

There may be a deep design in Willard's latest venture. Perhaps he hopes to be so busy promoting that he won't have time to fight Fred Fulton.

SANTEL IS DEFEATED EASILY BY STECHER

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—It took Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, less than one hour here yesterday to crush the titular ambitions of Ad Santel, Pacific Coast heavyweight champion. The Nebraska secured the first fall in 28 minutes 17 seconds with a body scissors and a double wristlock. The second fall came in 17 minutes 54 seconds, when Santel was pinned with a double wristlock.

Santel was outclassed throughout the bout, and was like a child in the grip of the big Nebraskan. With the exception of a few minutes at the beginning of the match, and just before its conclusion he was entirely on the defence. Not once did he have the champion in jeopardy. On the other hand Stecher continually was on top of Santel with his powerful legs wrapped around the San Franciscan, who was kept busy saving himself.

A crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 20,000 persons saw the bout which was held in the Exposition auditorium. According to the terms, a time limit of 2½ hours was placed on the duration of the match; the referee to render a decision on points in the event of no falls. Stecher weighed 265 pounds while his rival was twenty pounds lighter. Charles Andrews, wrestling instructor at the University of California, was the referee.

BILLIARD CONTESTS BY ESQUIMALT MEN

Councillors Saunders and Cave, of Esquimalt, the challengers, again met defeat in the return billiard match which they played recently against Councillor Anderson and George T. Young. Councillor Anderson's shots and position playing were the features of the contest.

ZULU KID BEATEN.

New York, Feb. 23.—Frankie Burns of Jersey City defeated Young Zulu Kid of Brooklyn here yesterday in the fourth round of a ten-round match; the referee stopping the fight when the Zulu Kid was knocked down several times. Burns weighing 117½ pounds and his opponent 115.

WOLGAST HAS BREAKDOWN.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—Ad Wolgast, former world's lightweight champion, is suffering from a general nervous breakdown, his physician announced last night. The former champion's breakdown, physicians said, was superinduced by excessive training and boxing. Wolgast is 29 years old.

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PATRICK MAY BE OUT FOR SEASON

Vancouver Defence Star Suffers From Injury Sustained Against Mets

If Vancouver wins the coast hockey title this season it will be without the services of Frank Patrick, the defence star of the team and the leading scorer among the defence men on the circuit. Upon his arrival home from Portland Patrick announced that it was unlikely that he would be able to play again this season. In the game against Seattle last Saturday he suffered a torn ligament in the right leg and although badly crippled he played against Portland. The strain on the injured leg proved too great and the defence star presented a badly crippled appearance as he hobbled off the train.

Mackay Back on Defence. "I believe that we can defeat Portland Saturday night and keep in the running for the title," stated Patrick, "but we cannot afford to be too optimistic. The team will be changed around, Mackay being moved back to the defence and Stanley going to rover. Taylor will play centre and Moynes and Roberts on the wings." The appointment of George Irvine

RED SOX TO OPEN SEASON IN NEW YORK

The baseball season of 1917 will be opened by American and National League clubs on April 11 with the Boston Americans, world's champions, playing in New York, and the Brooklyn National League winners playing at home with Philadelphia, according to the official schedules received this week from the headquarters of both leagues.

Other opening games are: National—New York at Boston, Pittsburgh at Chicago, and St. Louis at Cincinnati. American—Washington at Philadelphia, Chicago at St. Louis and Cleveland at Detroit.

In the National League the last games will be played October 4 by Brooklyn at home with Boston, and by New York at Philadelphia. The American League season will close on the same date, with the Red Sox playing Washington in Boston.

The western clubs of the National League go East first this year, and correspondingly the American eastern teams come west.

CHALLENGES ALL COMERS.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 23.—Is wrestling more effective than boxing? Al Williams, wrestling instructor for the Olympic Club, believes a boxer has little chance with a mat performer. To prove it, he offered yesterday to meet any boxer in the world—Jess Willard not barred—in a rough and tumble test. Williams guarantees that the boxer will be pinned to the mat so fast he will have no opportunity to fight.

PHILLY STAR SIGNS TWO-YEAR CONTRACT

Grover Cleveland Alexander, star pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, has signed on a two-year contract and will go south with the team on March 6 to start training for the 1917 campaign. A compromise in the salary differences between Alexander and William F. Baker, president of the club, was reached at a conference in the Quaker City, lasting several hours. While the figures were not made public, it was said authoritatively that Alexander is the highest paid pitcher in organized baseball.

At a conference with Mr. Baker, Alexander refused \$10,000 a year, declaring that unless he was paid \$15,000 he would quit baseball.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The return billiard tournament between the Rainbow and the Metropolis teams will be played on Monday next, commencing at 7.30 p. m., at the Metropolis Billiard Parlors, when the sailors hope to take their revenge. As a result of the last tournament the Metropolis team, as winners, were entertained by the team from H. M. C. S. Rainbow to a dinner and social at the Dominion Hotel, where a most enjoyable evening was spent. After dinner there was a most delightful programme, nearly all the players contributing songs or speeches. Mr. A. J. Warren, filling the office of chairman in a most able manner. Both teams take this opportunity of thanking Steve Jones for the manner in which the teams were catered to throughout the evening.

TOM GIBBONS WORKING.

Tom Gibbons, brother of Mike, who came to New York the other day looking for fights, announced yesterday he has signed for three. On February 27 Gibbons is signed to box at the Broadway Club, probably with Knockout Brown, Bob McAllister, of California, probably will be his opponent March 3 at the Clermont. The Pioneer Club has arranged a match between Gibbons and Silent Martin for March 6.

EQUALS RECORD.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.—David Caldwell of the Boston A. A., equalled the world's indoor record of two minutes, fifteen seconds for the 1,000-yard run in winning for the Mayor Curley trophy, at the annual games of the Ninth Regiment yesterday.

Y. M. C. A. CLUBS TO PLAY BASKETBALL

Eight games of basketball in the Standard Efficiency Test Leagues will be played to-night and to-morrow morning in the gymnasium of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

The competitors and times at which they will play are as follows:

Friday: Junior League—7.30 p. m., Spartan A vs. Employed Boys; 7.50 p. m., Trojans A vs. Achilles.

Intermediate League—8.10 p. m., Business Boys vs. "Torpedoes"; 8.30 p. m., A-chu-coos vs. Tom-a-lees.

Saturday morning: Junior League—10 a. m., Roman A vs. St. John's (Tigers); 10.30 a. m., Trojan B vs. Spartan A; 10.40 a. m., Achilles vs. Spartan B.

The Intermediate League will be concluded this week and will open its indoor basketball schedule next Friday. A schedule of indoor basketball games will also be engaged in by the senior boys' clubs.

TO RECOGNIZE MERITS.

New York, Feb. 23.—President Ban Johnson has announced that on "Lajoie Day" in Toronto—the date to be set by the Toronto club—Johnson and the officials of the American League will attend. The National League will be represented by Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pittsburgh club. President Johnson declared that the American League owed this tribute to Lajoie for his wonderful work in that league.

Some painstaking person, possibly with a view to proving that the human ear is a very sensitive organ, has compiled a list of treaties from 1560 B.C. to 1560 A.D. In those 34 centuries the world achieved 8,000 treaties, and we are told that each of them on the average lasted a little longer than two years. It is as true now, as it was 1,500 years before the Christian Era, that treaties are only kept when there is an honest intention among all parties of keeping them. How that may be done has been shown by the recent celebration of the peace centenary between this country and the United States—London Chronicle.

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FIGHTING MEN OF BRITISH NAVY

Tom Butts and Russ Leighton, of H. M. C. S. Rainbow, who will settle the heavyweight championship of the British Pacific fleet at the tournament to be held in the Princess Theatre on Saturday, March 2. Both men are well known as ring experts and their bout will be one of the highest boxing events that Victoria has had for many years.

ARTILLERY DRAFT

LEAVING TONIGHT

Lieutenant Irwin and Fifty Gunners to Proceed Direct to England

Lieutenant Irwin has had in his possession for a couple of days now the information that his overseas draft of Canadian Field Artillery would have to take their departure on twenty-four hours' notice. That notice was received late last evening, with the result that at eleven-forty-five to-night, when the Vancouver boat leaves the wharf, she will take with her Lieutenant Irwin and his fifty gunners, who are to proceed direct to England in the capacity of an artillery reinforcing draft.

The departure of these men will create a shortage in the Fifth Regiment, which is under orders to recruit drafts, composed of fifty men each, continuously for service overseas. Lieutenant Finnick, who was formerly a sergeant

in the 5th, and has been connected with the regiment for nearly nine years, will now take charge of No. 31 draft to the Divisional Ammunition Column Depot, Canadian Field Artillery C. E. F.

It is particularly requested that all men who are eligible and want to be assured of a quick trip to the other side with the next draft of artillery, should make early application at the headquarters of the regiment, where every information will be given.

LOCAL NEWS

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

Two Days' Special.—Wiper's two days' special Friday and Saturday: Honey and Butter Toffee, 20c per lb., regular 30c. Everything we use in the manufacture of candies is of the finest quality and as far as possible are made on the same day that they are offered to the public. Our candies are pure and pure candies are a healthy, wholesome food, helps to sweeten life and adds to its pleasure and enjoyment. Wiper's Cough Drops and Cough Candy made from a special recipe are a delicious candy and offer a protection against colds, 14 gold and silver medals and numerous diplomas awarded to Wiper while in competition with the leading British firms for purity and excellence of their manufactures. Stores, 1219 Douglas, and 607 Yates St.

Fire Wardens' Committee.—There will be a meeting of the City Fire Wardens' Committee to-morrow morning to consider tenders.

Call of Fire.—The Fire Department was called last evening to extinguish a chimney fire at 1839 Rockland Avenue. The chimney had only recently been swept.

Discussing Estimates.—The Executive Council this morning has the draft of the estimates for the fiscal year 1917-18 before them and discussed these and other matters affecting the budget.

Snow Does Damage.—Despite the fact that the snow which fell yesterday afternoon was unusually light in weight the accumulation of this on top of the preceding days snow was responsible for damage to the Quadra greenhouses, some glass areas being broken in last night.

Asks Lease of Foreshore.—Canadian Explosives, Limited, is making application to the Provincial Government for a lease of a part of the foreshore of Lot 44, Cowichan District, containing about two acres for use in connection with its works. After the required notice the application will be dealt with.

Card of Thanks.—Friends of the late Miss Potter, whose funeral took place this week, have received a message from Capt. and Mrs. Potter, of Cheshire, Eng., the parents of the young woman, expressing their thanks to the many people who showed their sympathy to Miss Potter by different acts of kindness during her suffering, and who subsequently sent flowers.

Change of Venue.—To suit the convenience of Mr. Justice W. A. Macdonald, who has been indisposed for the past week, the action of Grant Smith & Co. against the Kettle Valley Railway Company, which has been before His Lordship in the Supreme Court here for more than a week previous to its adjournment on the 16th instant, will be continued in Vancouver next week.

Rotarians Leave.—About three score members of the Victoria Rotary Club left on this afternoon's boat to attend the Northwestern Conference of Rotary Clubs being held in Vancouver to-morrow and Sunday. Identification badges and Glenarry caps worn by them indicated that Vancouver will be roused from her slumbers between the hours of six and seven this evening.

Traffic Maintained.—The snowfall has not affected seriously the tram service in the city during the past two days. Officials of the B. C. Electric announced this afternoon that all lines had been kept open as the cars on schedule time except in some few exceptional cases. The auxiliary steam plant has been kept in readiness for any emergency but so far its power has not been needed for any length of time.

Deprecate Sectionalism.—W. A. Jameson, vice-president, and chairman of the Manufacturers Association, has wired to President J. A. Cunningham protesting against his action in moving a resolution before the Vancouver branch on Tuesday to urge the removal of the offices of the Workmen's Compensation Board to Vancouver. Mr. Cunningham, when in Victoria a short time ago, disclaimed any idea of sectionalism but now, it is claimed, his actions indicate that he is working for Vancouver as against Victoria. This, being the capital city, is the natural location for the offices of the Board.

Meeting Postponed.—The meeting arranged under the auspices of the Development Committee of the Sidney Board of Trade to take place in Berquist Hall to-night has been postponed on account of the heavy snowfall in certain parts of the Peninsula. The purpose of the meeting being to get the farmers of the district together to discuss every phase of the question "What Can Saanich Grow?" it was deemed inadvisable to hold the same until conditions are favorable for every part of the district to be well represented. When the roads are better arrangements will be made for the meeting, which will be addressed by M. B. Stuart, M. P., L. Stevenson, Dr. Jackson Tidy, L. D. Rines and others.

AMENDMENTS SOUGHT

TO MUNICIPAL LAW

List of Changes Applicable to City and to Other Districts is Prepared

The legislation to be promoted by the City of Victoria at the approaching session of the Legislative Assembly was submitted in the form of a draft to the aldermen in committee, by the City Solicitor, at the meeting this afternoon.

Naturally in many respects it covers a somewhat similar line to the recommendations of the executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, as outlined when the executive met the Government last month. There are, however, a number of additional items, and even in some cases a re-submission of questions defeated at the Vernon convention, but which the city thinks of so much importance as to wish to promote for exclusive application to this city.

The most important of these last named subjects is that with regard to the permission to the board of equalization to sit after appeals from the decision of a municipal court of revision have been heard in the civil courts. One of the difficulties of the last two years would have been easily overcome had this power existed, but the convention threw out the proposal again last October. The city is seeking special powers in this regard.

Other new matters which were not before the convention of municipalities include the proposal to withdraw the powers conveyed by the Local Improvement Act to initiate public improvements through the council, about which there is considerable difference of opinion.

The power is sought to have the council declared a "continuing" body, as under the Ontario law, in order to avoid a re-start on proceedings of a legal nature when a new council takes office.

The city is also asking, at the request of the Canadian Red Cross Society, for power to impose a small tax on theatre tickets during the duration of the war, such tax to go to the purposes of the society. Other cities in Canada have already applied for this privilege.

Some subjects to which more or less public attention has been directed in the past few months upon which legislation is sought may be mentioned as follows: Compulsory exemption of parks in another municipality; joint control of beaches used by more than one municipality; permission to make offers in writing instead of tender in arbitration proceedings; registration of bakers; agreements with neighboring municipalities for sewers, in the same way as existing powers for boundary water mains; prevention of disposal of chemical wastes in the atmosphere; clearing of snow; notices for local improvement work to be sent 30 days instead of 15, and owners to give notice of appeal ten days before the sitting as required by the general court, with notice in case of appeal to the higher court of the reasons for such appeal.

It is proposed to withdraw the legal requirement making the Attorney-General a party to the civil attempt to enforce a municipal by-law, a recent Court of Appeal judgment having drawn attention to the need for reform.

In amendment of the Municipal Elections Act it is proposed to demand that the candidate for office should take an oath as to the character of the position in which he stands to his qualification property, in order to avoid subsequent trouble in case of illegal qualification.

CLEANING UP SNOW

Horses Prove Useful When Motor Appliances Fail

Snow clearing began this morning at 5 o'clock, when the sidewalk plows were brought into action, and the paths made through the snow in the downtown streets. Only the principal residential streets will be cleared during the day, on account of expense, and citizens on side streets who are expecting the plows to come down as they did last month will be disappointed. The city will expect the snow removed by the frontagers.

The city is using the garbage horses, which prove particularly suitable on an occasion like a snowfall, when motor apparatus would be valueless for work of this character. Had not the city a good stable to draw from, the expense of hiring teams to do the work would swell the street maintenance vote materially.

Of course if the fall continues, the present arrangements may be modified, but the city authorities are reluctant to spend more money.

There is a great laxity all over the city reported with regard to sidewalk clearing, the majority of people appearing unwilling to recognize their responsibility in the matter.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Robert Carter, of 1330 Woodlands Ave., this city, was held at Cobble Hill, B. C., yesterday. The Ancient Order of Foresters had charge of the services at the grave, and Rev. G. Atkins, of Shawanigan Lake, officiated. The pallbearers were: Thomas Walton, George Bonner, H. E. Hawkins, Ray Koford, Thomas Jeffery and Robert Cay, all members of the Cobble Hill Lodge A. O. F.

Funeral services for the late Captain Ritchie were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the B. C. Funeral Parlors, Rev. Dr. Clay having charge of the services. The remains are being shipped to Yarmouth, N. S., for interment.

SMALL SETTLEMENT

WANTS ENCOURAGING

Provincial Officer From Pouce Coupe Speaks of Needs of District

Politically attached to this province, but geographically associated more closely with the rich prairie country of the Peace River across the Alberta boundary, the district around Pouce Coupe has a number of requirements which the provincial constable, G. Duncan, is in the city to facilitate to the best of his ability. He arrived at the Dominion Hotel to-day.

Mr. Duncan states that the district wants attention from the Government, in the way of establishing a government agency, in order to transact business without reference to Fort George, from which it is separated by a wide and difficult country to traverse, and also some means for conducting court business in case of disputes. Registry of titles is a serious matter in places so remote from public institutions, he says.

"Pouce Coupe is the real centre of settlement of the British Columbian side of the Peace River district, being more settled than any other section. The homesteads are in natural prairie, well watered by creeks, and where the selector can go in many places without having to cut a tree in order to start cultivation of the land. In spite of the isolation there is a population of about 1,000 people in the district, of whom 700 are in and around Pouce Coupe. The people are not badly supplied for schools, but need roads, and bridges across the creeks. A resident doctor too would be an advantage. Location of a government agency at Port St. John, which looks from the map as most central, would be a mistake, since it is only a trading post, with a few Indian and white settlers in the vicinity, whereas Pouce Coupe has the best land, and industrious settlers.

"I am hoping to get the Government to send an agricultural expert from the department in to the district this summer, to report upon our needs, and meet the representatives of the district farmers, so that the needs can be better understood. The settlers have been influenced largely by the settlements across the boundary, which are helped from Edmonton, and we hope the Government will do something to aid the district. The farmers want assistance from the Agricultural Credits Law, because most of them are poor men gone into an outlying country to make homes. Several applications for loans have been lodged from the district, but are awaiting attention still."

KING PRAISES FILMS

Sends Message to Canada in Connection With Pictures Being Shown in Dominion

In connection with the exhibition of war films in the Dominion under the auspices of the Red Cross His Majesty the King has been pleased to send the message below to His Excellency the Governor-General for communication to the people of Canada.

A copy of this has been received by His Honor the Administrator of this Province, and it is as follows:

"These pictures will help to bring home vividly to all in Canada the nature of the great sacrifice which their fellow-citizens in the Empire are making in its cause and in that of honor and justice. I hope that the greatest success will attend the efforts of those who have organized this means of spreading throughout Canada news of the progress of the great war."

SNOW-BLAST PAST

Threatened Blizzard Goes by Without Any Serious Consequences

Last evening's weather for two or three hours threatened to assume the proportions of the blizzard which early last February interred the city in three or four feet of snow. Fortunately the greater part of yesterday's storm was wind, and the total snowfall up to 5 o'clock this morning amounted only to 3 1/2 inches. This was exceeded in some of the more northerly parts of the island, and Cowichan has experienced perhaps the heaviest precipitation of any section south of Nanaimo. A smart wind, blowing from the north-east with a velocity of 28 miles per hour accompanied by a temperature ten degrees below freezing, emphasized the significance of the storm. The snow cleared away by 9 o'clock, however, and the world awoke to sunshine and white calm this morning.

The maximum temperature this morning on the standard thermometer at Gonzales Heights was just at freezing point. Vancouver had no snow last night but up to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon experienced within the 24 hours 3 1/2 inches snow. Their lowest temperature was 22° below zero. Barkerville reports 14 degrees below zero; Kamloops 4 above; and Calgary 14 below.

The storm was responsible for driving sea-gulls, for the first time this year, to feed at the back of the Empress Hotel.

PUBLIC MARKET.

No matter what the weather conditions may be the usual Saturday market will be held to-morrow. The roads through Saanich are in good condition as a result of the efficient work which has been done by the snow ploughs, and the farmers will therefore find no difficulty in getting their produce to the city. A good variety of all seasonable produce will be for sale including, fresh local vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs, meats, fish, flowers, plants, together with home made cakes, pies and confectionery.

TO SUBMIT FORMAL

CLAIM TO SAANICH

Definite Figures for Connection to Northwest Sewer Have Been Prepared

The arrangements with regard to the disposal of Saanich sewerage through the city trunk sewers has been much criticized by those who did not follow the negotiations in 1913; and while the northeast sewer question is unsettled owing to the claim on Saanich by Oak Bay, the City Engineering Department is determined to avoid any misunderstanding with regard to the northwest sewer.

The percentage of cost for connection, which cannot be paid till the necessary by-law has been voted by the Saanich residents, works out at about \$44,000 for the northwest sewer. It is proposed to submit a letter, formally fixing that figure, to the district council, so that an undertaking may be given subject to the approval of the by-law.

The city will be entitled to collect \$68,000 from Saanich eventually, when the northeast sewer quagmire is settled, since it is not disputed that Saanich is to pay \$22,000 to the city for the northeast connection. The difficulty with regard to the northeast sewer is complicated by the intrusion of the claim from Oak Bay for part cost of construction, a claim which the Saanich Council represents on the ground that its liability is limited to the amount verbally agreed upon with the city in 1911, but not embodied in any exchange of documents.

The maintenance expenditure on the northwest sewer will be on the same basis as the northeast sewer, being a percentage of the cost of operation. Some limit will be placed necessarily on the amount of sewerage to be allowed to enter the intake per hour.

SESSIONAL SIGNS

Members Commencing to Arrive and Prepare for the Work of the Session

The Legislative Buildings are beginning to put on an appearance of the session. Men have been at work for some days brightening things up in the chamber and getting the committee-rooms and other apartments in the legislative wing ready for the opening on Thursday next.

J. W. Weart, member for South Vancouver, who is to be nominated as Speaker of the House, is over to-day attending to matters which have to be looked after by the Speaker preliminary to the opening of the House.

Members are commencing to show up at the buildings. To-day Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. for Cowichan; John Keen, M. P. for Kootenai; Charles F. Nelson, M. P. for Slocan, and F. H. Mobley, M. P. for Atlin, were around, and in the next day or two several others will be here.

Mr. Nelson has already planned for amendments to the Municipal Act which will alter a situation which strikes everyone coming to this province from the east as strange. That is the incorporation of small communities as cities, with all the powers and expenses of a city, although they are hardly large enough in some cases to support more than a village council.

The member for Slocan has a pertinent case in his own riding, in the city of Sandon, which is practically bankrupt and is now administered by a receiver appointed under statute about five years ago. Mr. Nelson will bring in amendments which will enable small communities to organize as villages, thus saving them from overburdening themselves with loads which they cannot carry.

NINE MEN BACK

Returned Soldiers Come in on Afternoon Boat To-day

Nine soldiers returned to-day, being welcomed at the boat by representatives of the Welcome Committee and Returned Soldiers' Association. They are Ptes. Bloom, Brown, Holmes, Duncan, Moon, Lumley, Broxham, Hay and Sergt. Peacock.

SECOND EPISODE STOLEN

Youth Makes Off With Five Reels of the "Purple Mask" Recovered This Morning

Through the depredations of a juvenile thief the name of Ernest Greenwood, who has been making a big screen representation of "The Purple Mask" at the Romano theatre, calmly extracted the five films containing the second episode of the serial from the theatre yesterday afternoon, there was no performance there yesterday. As soon as the boy had pocketed the plunder he mounted his bicycle and rode off. Several pedestrians noticed his movements but were under the impression he was merely carrying out an instruction. It was not until the absence of the films was discovered by the management that the police were informed of the theft.

Although it was impossible to recover the property in time for the programme to be carried out as advertised last night, in consequence of which the theatre was obliged to close its doors for the whole evening, Detective O'Leary and Carlew tracked the young culprit to his home on Blackwood street this morning.

It was some time before the youth confessed to his action and when he did so there was no indication that it was anything more than an acute form of mischief. The five reels were completely unwound and will not be in condition to be shown this evening. The theatre will be open as usual and other films, including a Bluebird feature, have been secured from Seattle.



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SOCIAL WELFARE AND FUTURE CITIZENSHIP

Rev. J. S. Woodsworth, Prominent Winnipeg Social Worker, Visiting Victoria

An interesting visitor to the city to-day is Rev. James S. Woodsworth, of Winnipeg, who is on the coast delivering a series of lectures at the University of British Columbia and is spending a day or two in the capital between lectures.

Mr. Woodsworth has been engaged in social welfare and philanthropic work for several years, and is the author of books and many articles on these subjects, coming within the scope of his special work. He has been chiefly interested in the matter of foreign immigration and the problems it creates for the commonwealth.

For four years Mr. Woodsworth was working among the large foreign element in North Winnipeg, that being the section of the city where they most congregated, and was engaged in social service work there. Later on he was asked to take hold of the Associated Charities, which sought to co-ordinate and systematize the work of the various organizations in the city, and he was also prominent in the playground movement.

Later he became connected with the Canadian Welfare League, organized in Winnipeg, and under its auspices he lectured before all the universities and many of the Canadian Clubs from the mountains eastward. His topics were all connected with social welfare, public health, and all the cognate matters which must be attended to if the moral and physical standards of the nation are to be maintained.

When the three prairie provinces established the Bureau of Social Research, Mr. Woodsworth was asked to give it the benefit of his great knowledge of social conditions in the west.

He took part in several investigations for the Bureau, including one as to the mental defectives in the community. So far as the investigation went, and it was impossible to make it thorough with the means and in the time at the disposal of the investigators, there were found to be 1,700 mentally defective persons in the three provinces. Another line of inquiry was as to the condition of the 150,000 Ruthenian settlers, the conditions of life in the rural communities, the health of the foreign elements, the extent to which these were being absorbed into the life of the nation and how far the national life and character were being changed by the infusion of alien characteristics, ideas and influences.

One result of the inquiry seems to be the likelihood that so far as the defects are concerned, at any rate, the plans which were mooted a year or so ago for joint action by the four western provinces will have to be recalled. The number of defectives is so great that they could not be dealt with in any one institution, and it is likely, therefore, that each province will have to look after its own.

Technical education is another matter that Mr. Woodsworth has always taken a keen interest in, and he was a member of the Royal Commission on Technical Education which the Manitoba Government appointed a few years ago.

Mr. Woodsworth is lecturing at the University of British Columbia on the general topic of Canadian citizenship, with special relation to the responsibility of seeing that the foreign elements which are entering into the citizenship are so dealt with as to be a help and not a hindrance in the years to come.

Personal

C. H. Dickie, of Duncan, is in the city to-day. He states that mining operations in the Cowichan Lake and Nitinat districts are tied up owing to the heavy snowfall.

The Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield left by the afternoon train for Shawanigan to-day, and will enjoy a few days' visit in that district. Rev. Dr. Schofield will preach on Sunday at the Shawanigan Lake church.

PACKERS OF B. C. WILL FEEL EFFECT

Eighty Per Cent. of Salmon Has Been Going to Britain

RESTRICTION MEANS MUCH TO PROVINCE

Vancouver, Feb. 22.—Approximately 80 per cent. of British Columbia's salmon pack in the past few years has gone to Britain. The prohibition of the importation of 50 per cent. of the previous total announced by Mr. Lloyd George to-day therefore will hit British Columbia hard, if the prohibition be applied to Canada and the United States equally. This was the view taken to-day by W. H. Barker, manager of the B. C. Packers' Association.

If the shipment of salmon from Canada should be included, as well as that from the United States, Mr. Barker admitted that it would mean a very serious thing for the salmon industry in this province, for the reason that Great Britain is the principal market for British Columbia packers, and that since the war the export to that country has increased enormously.

While British Columbia exports to Great Britain were increasing, Mr. Barker said that the aggregate shipments did not begin to compare with the size of the export from the United States to Great Britain. The pack is much larger in the United States than in Canada, and the former country, according to Mr. Barker, has shipped three times as much salmon to Great Britain as Canada.

In view of the fact that there is no market in the United States for British Columbia salmon on account of the prohibitive tariff, and as there is practically no home market, Mr. Barker was strongly of the opinion that the new order would be made so as not to refer to British Columbia salmon.

Bellingham, Feb. 22.—Salmon canners of this city predict that if Great Britain curtails the importation of canned salmon 50 per cent. for any length of time the industry on Puget Sound and in Alaska will be affected unfavorably. They say that Britain usually takes the surplus stock, as the American market is not large enough to consume the entire pack. It is said that 1,000,000 cases of Alaska salmon are shipped annually to Britain, while practically all the Fraser River pack is absorbed by the British market.

ANOTHER GERMAN ATTACKS GERARD

London, Feb. 22.—"At a meeting of a German agricultural league," says the correspondent at Rotterdam of the London Evening News, "Dr. Wildgrube, a Conservative member of the Reichstag, said: 'Now that Mr. Gerard has closed his espionage office, the German people will breathe freely and will be relieved of an intolerable nightmare, provided he does not return before peace is declared.'

"Mr. Gerard's residence in Berlin and his intimate relations with our responsible authorities were painful to the German people."

NEW BRUNSWICK WILL HAVE POLLING TO-MORROW

St. John, Feb. 22.—The fate of the Government of New Brunswick and the complexion of the next Legislature will be settled to-morrow. The open hour for polling is 8 a. m. The voting will continue until 4 p. m.

The campaign, one of the shortest on record, is practically over and all that remains is the casting of the ballots, the weather conditions are favorable for getting out a good sized vote, as the roads are still in good shape and have not been affected by spring thaws.

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LOST—Sunday afternoon, between Wellington Street and Deer Pen (via Delta Road), baby's knitted brown woolen cap. Finder please leave at Times Office.

SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE, every Friday at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt Road.

FOR SALE—English baby buggy, large size; bargain. City Mart, 736 Fort St. Phone 1422.

LOST—Times collecting book, WILSON Beach. Finder please return to Times Office.

THE VICTORIA LADIES' Swimming Club are holding a Military Five Hundred Tournament in the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 3 p. m. Tickets, 50c, can be obtained from the club secretary, Miss Louise Brown, 1008 Douglas Street. The Beeslie, Douglas Street.

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DAKLANDS METHODIST CHURCH, Greenwood Rd., Lantern lecture, Saturday night, Feb. 24th, at 7.30, by W. M. Ritchie, entitled "Our Homeland, Situated in the West." Free admission.

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DANCE—Saturday

POTATOES SELLING AT HIGH FIGURES

Great Demand for B. C. Crops in Both England and the States

The prospects of being able to purchase potatoes at a low price during the next few months is at present not very bright. Reports from all parts of the province as well as from the east and the states to the south are to the effect that potatoes are very scarce, and as a result those who have a stock on hand are bound to get a large price for them as is possible.

Besides the fact that potatoes are not plentiful the abnormal times through which the world is passing have created new demands for vegetables, and the products which are derived from them. The vast numbers of men forming Britain's armies both in England and on the continent of Europe require untold quantities of food, and potatoes are one of the products that are shipped to the old land to feed these soldiers.

The United States has also experienced what it really means to have the potato crop a failure, and to supply the ever increasing demands dealers from that country are offering almost any price to obtain what they desire. The result is that nearly all the British Columbia potatoes which pass the inspectors are shipped south where they bring a far larger price than in the local markets. In Seattle, for instance, the dealers are able to demand from \$75 to \$85 a ton. This is higher than a car of Ashcroft brought in Vancouver only a few days ago when they were sold for \$65 a ton.

On the island local farmers are getting from \$55 to \$60 and are making the plea that for many years back the conditions have been such that it was impossible to get a good price for potatoes and now that the chance to do better has come they are justified in making the most of it. The fact too that there are no potatoes coming to the city from Ladner gives the local producer an opportunity to make good his claim in regard to price.

Practically all the upper country produce is being evaporated at the Westminster and Ladner plants which are capable of consuming about 120 tons each per day. All this is shipped to Europe for the consumption of the army. Thus when it is considered that the crops have been a partial failure and the majority of the potatoes are being shipped either to the States or to England it is considered surprising by many of the local dealers that the price in the home markets remains as low as it does.

Travelers for large wholesale houses of both eastern Canada and the States are fast learning that British Columbia potatoes are among the best that can be procured both for table consumption and for seed, and local producers will doubtless be able to find a wide market for their crops in the years that are to come.

Potatoes are not by any means the only vegetables which are soaring as regards price. Onions are now selling in the States at 11c and 12c a pound and in the local markets at 8c and 9c. This price will not drop until the Australian onions arrive some time in March. It is not as yet known whether their arrival will tend to lower the present cost to any appreciable degree owing to the fact that there may be a shortage of tonnage for the shipments. The first of the California onions are not likely to be in till well on in May.

PING-PONG GAMES

Players Who Will Take Part in the Tournament This Evening

The following is the result of the draw in the ping-pong tournament of the games to be played this evening in the rooms, Pemberton Building:

Mixed Doubles.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis, a bye; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ketchen, a bye; Mr. Myers and Mr. Hewlett play J. D. Virtue and partner; F. J. White and partner play Mr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Rickaby; Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Taylor play H. S. Cave and partner; F. Burrell and partner play Miss Lugin and Mr. Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lewis, a bye; Mr. Hewlett, a bye; P. Men's Singles.

Mr. Myers, a bye; Mr. Ketchen, a bye; Lieut. Westwood, a bye; Mr. Victor, a bye; Mr. Litchfield plays J. D. Virtue; H. Daily plays C. Pollock; E. A. Adams vs. John Lawson; H. A. Howard vs. H. W. Tyler; Mr. Boyes vs. F. Burrell; F. J. White vs. C. G. Clute; Mr. Ross vs. W. H. Bone; F. Lewis, a bye; Mr. Hewlett, a bye; P.

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Men's Doubles.
H. A. Goward and C. G. Clute, a bye; H. J. Ketchen and H. W. Tyler play F. Lewis and J. B. H. Rickaby; F. Burrell and partner play Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Boyes; Mr. Myers and E. A. Adams play W. H. Bone and J. D. Virtue.

CAMPAIGNERS HONOR FALLEN COMRADES

Survivors of Last Century's Wars Gather at Festive Board With Younger Tommies

With members present who had seen service in the Indian Mutiny, the Crimea, the Egyptian and Sudan campaigns, as well as many who had witnessed the surrender of General Cronje in the early hours of a morning seventeen years ago at Paardeberg, the British Campaigners' Association of Victoria gathered last evening to do honor to the memory of those who had fought and died in the cause of the Empire. Likewise to conclude the annual commemorative observance in connection with Paardeberg Week.

Silent Tribute.
In keeping with the request of the sister body, the Returned Soldiers' Association, silent standing tribute was paid to the fallen heroes prior to the commencement of the business and recreation of the evening. President Boggs was supported by Lieut. Westwood, Colonel R. Carrington, C. M. G., who has acted in the capacity of chief military instruction officer for Military District No. 11 since the commencement of the war, and Captain W. H. Hayward of the 1st Canadian Pioneer, who is at the moment on leave from duty at the front.

Association's Antiquity.
"From the time of the Crusades," said Mr. Boggs, "men have gathered together in celebration of their conquests in the field. The mailed arm in the armorial bearings of the ancient families of the Old Land was the visible sign that the family had been represented on the field of battle. After the Peninsula Wars and the Crimea societies similar to our own were formed to perpetuate deeds of valor, and in our own Dominion after the Northwest Rebellion the British Campaigners' Association came into being, when only men who had been decorated in some campaign or other were eligible for membership."

Barely a Score Left.
Mr. Boggs described to those present the work that had been accomplished by the Campaigners in the city, the looking after old soldiers and securing the last rites for a comrade who had gone over to the beyond. He stated that this gathering was vastly different to former ones in point of numbers, for said he, out of a membership roll of nearly three hundred only twenty-seven were left to look after the affairs of the society, since the others had long ago answered the call.

Past Resolution.
The President read the following resolution, which is identical with that recently passed by the Convention of Returned Soldiers' Associations in Vancouver on Monday last. It was endorsed unanimously and it follows in full:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting of British Campaigners it is desirable that immediate steps be taken by the Dominion Government to readjust the pensions scale for disabled men and the dependents of those who have fallen in this war; more especially that the pensions granted to the widows and the mothers of deceased soldiers should be equalized; and that the Secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to the Minister of Militia and the representative of the city of Victoria."

The memorial sponsored by F. A. Pauline, M. P., at a recent meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade, since dispatched to Ottawa for the consideration of the Government, was read to the meeting by the President and heartily endorsed. The terms of the resolution were quoted in extenso in the last Saturday's issue of the Times.

The addresses of Colonel Carrington and Captain Hayward are referred to elsewhere in this issue.

GIVING SILVER TEA
Fairfield Red Cross Wants Residents of District to Support Under-taking Tomorrow

Reminders of the "Silver Tea" which is to be held to-morrow afternoon at the Fairfield Red Cross rooms, corner of Linden and May. The party will be between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Tea will be served by the ladies of the branch, and arrangements have also been made to have twelve tables for card-playing (Bridge and Five Hundred). Prizes will be given to the successful contestants.

A raffle of a handsome hand-painted jar given by Mrs. Leeming will also take place.

During the four weeks dating from January 23, 1917, when the branch was organized, to February 23, there have been sent to headquarters the following completed articles:
Pyjamas, 108; shirts, 69; bandages, 438; socks (pr.), 52; comfort-bags, 47. The branch now has 14 paid members, composed as follows: 3 life members, 49 annual, 11 associate, and 2 life members on the monthly plan. To date \$145 has been turned in to headquarters in cash in the way of membership fees.
Fine as the above showing is the officials of the branch feel that there are a great many residents of the Fairfield district who up to date have not taken the interest in the work they should, and consequently a particularly pressing invitation is extended to support to-morrow's tea.

SEED INDUSTRY HAS GREAT POSSIBILITIES

Shortage in England Should Be Supplied From Canada

For nearly two years the Seedgrowers' Association has been making an effort to encourage the growing of seeds locally and the result has been that a number of local people have gone into the business in a small way. In view of the proved possibilities of the business there has not, however, been the amount of development of the industry which might have been expected, considering the favorable conditions.

A. R. Sherwood, of the Seedgrowers' Association, who is also president of the Natural History Society, draws attention to the Times to the fact that seeds are going to be very scarce in the Old Country. To back up his assertions he quotes from a letter written by James Kelway, in which he says:

"I have not information with regard to seed corn, but I believe that many kinds of agricultural and vegetable seeds after harvest 1917, will be lacking or exceedingly scarce. Seeds for the consumption of the allied countries have previously been produced almost entirely in countries now at war, and the result this coming season may easily be prophesied. It is within my knowledge that seeds are not being grown for 1917 to anything like the extent of previous years, although the need is greater. The practice is for farmers and expert seed growers to grow seeds on contract for the wholesale seed merchants, who distribute to seedsmen for ultimate sale to farmers, market gardeners and private persons."

"In the first place, in this country firms in seed-growing centres have been denuded of labor through the action of the local tribunals, who have not realized the national importance of the occupation of seed growing, nor the need for a larger quantity of seed than in that occupation than in ordinary farming. Secondly, the Government are, quite properly, insisting on the importance of growing corn and are fixing a high price for it, whereas this is my third reason, this has not been done, and can perhaps with difficulty be done, for other seeds."

"The wholesale seed merchant, who provides the capital and the outlet for the seed grower, received no special consideration from the tribunals, and are contributing to the fighting line from trained, irreplaceable staffs exactly as if they were manufacturing luxuries, instead of producing something indispensable to the life of the people. These firms not only contract with farmers and growers and distribute the seeds produced, but several of them produce on their own land the selected and improved stocks which they place with their growers; this seed selection needs a certain quality of brains, and industry, and there are not a monopoly of men over military age. On the shoulders of these firms falls also the duty of supplying with seeds the British Dominions beyond the seas, a trade largely in the hands of Germans before the war, and now ours for the picking, to get and to keep, unless we allow our clever American friends an opportunity to organize for it and capture it."

"I think that all seed growers who can prove that they habitually grow seeds which will produce food for man or for horses or for cattle, and all wholesale seed growers and merchants for whom they cultivate such food seeds should be treated as if they were making munitions of war; as indeed they are, a fact which eventually this country will discover."

This it appears would be a very opportune time for Canadians to consider the starting of the seed-growing industry locally. At different times during the past few months men who are experts on the subject of producing seeds have visited Vancouver Island and this city in particular, and one and all have expressed themselves of the opinion that conditions here are very favorable for the development of such an industry.

Many seeds such as the parent are of a nature which requires that they be only one year old when sown if the best results are to be obtained. This makes it necessary for the business of growing the seeds to be continued every season, so that the seed crop may be reaped. It is also cited by reference to the fact that the Dominion will need a great amount of seed during the coming year, and that owing to the scarcity which exists at present in England it may be impossible for the Dominion to have all its orders filled. It therefore appears that this is the opportune time for Canada and especially Vancouver Island to commence an industry which will undoubtedly prove to be an invaluable one in the future.

JUSTICE IN TROUBLE

Andrew Blyth Granted Bail to Convicted Prisoner Without Right. It is Said.

Andrew Blyth, formerly of this city and for some years past of Vancouver who was recently appointed as a Justice of the Peace, appears to have caused some stir and not a little of a legal tangle by what was probably the first exercise of his functions.
A few days ago Magistrate Shaw committed a rooming-house keeper named Bernstein to jail for six months on a charge of keeping a disorderly house, upon summary conviction. I. Rubinstein, the defendant's counsel, failed to get a stated case from the magistrate or to have the charge amended so that he could appeal, and applications to Supreme and County Court judges were also unsuccessful. Then the counsel went to Blyth and

secured his client's release on bail pending appeal.
As there is no appeal possible in the case it is argued by City Prosecutor Maitland that no justice has any jurisdiction to release a man on bail, but Blyth seems to be resting his authority on the section in the Criminal Code which gives that right where there is an appeal, and says that he consulted eminent lawyers before taking action. Bernstein being now at liberty there is considerable doubt whether he can be got back into jail again to serve his term.
Mr. Maitland has made a complaint in the matter to the Attorney-General and the case will be looked into.

THE MINING INDUSTRY

The suggestion of a mining exhibit made by Mr. Canavan to the Rotary Club on Thursday, doubtless having in mind the Chamber of Mines display in Vancouver, is a good one, and would have to be in connection with some development organization in order to achieve the best results. Had not the provincial display been located in Victoria, there is no doubt that the matter would have been taken in hand before.

Several papers having reference to the copper mining and metallurgical industries, and others to mine-safety matters, will be read at the 24th general meeting of members of the western branch of the Canadian Mining Institute in Vancouver on March 15.

Dealing with the mining situation in the Dominion, the monthly commercial letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce says: In January the fuel and labor shortage checked industrial activity, but the increase in the cost of raw materials, the limit of which does not yet appear to have been reached, is not now regarded as being sufficiently serious to cause a sudden contraction of output. Wholesale prices ranged approximately 40 per cent. higher than a year ago, iron and steel are 72 per cent. and other metals 76 per cent. higher. Last year only 5 per cent. of the raw material used in the manufacture of iron and steel in Canada was obtained from domestic sources, and this means that 95 per cent. was imported. More partly manufactured materials such as iron and steel are now being imported, but our needs of copper, zinc, lead and other metals, will during 1917 meet to a greater extent from our own resources. In British Columbia refining plants have been projected for handling an additional 20,000,000 lbs. of copper annually, some of these have already been installed, and similar developments are taking place with regard to other metals. The output of copper, gold, lead and silver ore, and of coal and coke from Fernie alone in 1916, amounted to \$5,565,997, as compared with \$2,000,789 in 1915. The present needs of the Empire have prompted such strenuous efforts to establish refineries in Canada, and to apply suitable processes to the treatment of ores, as to justify the hope that great development will take place during the present year. In 1915 the zinc ore produced in Canada was valued at slightly more than \$500,000, but in 1916 the value was \$1,000,000. The value of this industry to the Dominion, as in the case of nickel refining, will be greatly enhanced by treating the ore in Canada and by the development of the new process already referred to. The output of copper in 1915 was 102,612,486 lbs. as compared with 125,000,000 lbs. last year, and the price in the former year was only 17 1/2 cents per lb., as compared with an average of 27 cents in 1916. These are but two examples of the great development taking place in the mining districts of Central and Western Canada.

The Hunter group, on Mill Creek, near Nicola, has been bonded by Thos. Hunter, of Nicola, to J. W. Macfarlane, of Vancouver. The claims are copper-gold, and Mr. Hunter has done considerable prospecting and development work. The lead is said to be large and well-defined, and to contain some exceptionally high grade ore. Mr. Macfarlane, who has gone to New York to confer with associates, was formerly with the Utah Copper Company.

Prince Rupert papers state that a representative of eastern capital is expected shortly to visit the iron deposits on Copper River, and a Toronto mining engineer has been asked to investigate.

In the month of January 48 mines sent 36,570 tons of ore to the Trail smelter, it being gold, copper, silver, lead, zinc and concentrates.

It is understood that a road will be opened from Hope to the new copper deposits discovered beneath the glaciers on Jones Lake. These claims are now all owned by Foley, Welch & Stewart, who purchased them from the discoverer a few months ago for \$10,000 with subsequent payments on proof of the value of the properties through development. The property consists of several claims with a proved ledge 30 feet wide, carrying values on the surface of \$100 a ton and upwards. The ledge has been traced for a long distance.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, \$1.00 per dozen.

Children's Aid Society.—The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society has been set for Monday. Owing to the recent developments in the management of the society, considerable interest attaches to the meeting.

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SPIRIT OF SOLDIERS WINNING THE WAR

Proud of His Race, Capt. Hayward Exudes Optimism at Campaigners' Smoker

Addressing the annual gathering of the British Campaigners' Association of Victoria last night, Captain W. H. Hayward reminded his audience of the historical departure of troops from this city to serve their King in the South African War, and dealt upon the popular idea that the battles of and conditions on the veldt out there were looked upon as a picnic when viewed in comparison with the gigantic undertaking with which the Empire and her allies are confronted to-day. "There are remarkable differences between those two campaigns," said the captain. "In South Africa there was of course no fifteen inch shells and an absence of many of the diabolical devices for the killing of men, with which the world has now become familiar, but there were grave shortcomings in the paraphernalia which goes with an army."

The commissariat department in South Africa was not to be compared in the same thought with the almost indescribable perfection to be found with the British Army in the field to-day. Where bulky beef and biscuit, and short rations at that, was the daily round in South Africa, the Tommy in the present war is fed almost in hotel style. The supply columns," continued the captain, "of the commissariat are nothing short of wonderful."

The Spirit of Tommy.
"But after all," exclaimed Captain Hayward, "it is the spirit of Tommy that is winning the war. When the smoke and dust and debris of battle has cleared away there he is with a broad grin all across his face waiting for the next scrap with the enemy, just as if a nine-mech shell and a storm of machine gun bullets were footballs and raindrops."

The speaker said that one of the little irritable things which made the Canadian or Imperial Tommy use language which was not in the average dictionary, was the use of the newspapers of invidious distinctions as to the marvelous work of the English soldier, the Australian or the man from Canada. "All the men are doing yeoman service for their King," emphatically declared the captain. "There is no need for any to be singled out for special mention. It is all heroic. The private soldier to-day pockets his own feelings and presents his best to the foe. He knows the part he has to play and he plays it for all he is worth." He reminded his audience that the Tommy will always grouch and that a soldier without a grouch was not a soldier. "But you could easily see the British Army from the youngest bugler to the commander-in-chief himself and you won't find a single pessimist. The Tommy's grouch is part of his stock in trade. It is that outlet for his feelings that makes him the stubborn foe for the Germans are finding him to-day."

Devotion to Animals.
Captain Hayward related many instances of devotion of the private soldier and his sympathetic treatment of wounded artillery horses. He was watching such an incident just before he left the front. A gun-limber rolled past him, when the foremost horse fell. The animal was cut loose. The limber went on a few yards. One of the drivers returned and caressed the animal unseen by the Captain, who withdrew behind a tree. "As long as

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Electrical Supplies
Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, March 5, 1917, for the following electrical supplies: 4,000 Carbons, solid; 5,000 Carbons, cored; 2,000 Nitrogen Lamps, Tungsten Lamps. Specifications may be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed and marked on outside of envelope, "Tender for Electrical Supplies." A marked cheque for 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany each tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent.

CEDAR POLES WANTED
Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 4 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 26, 1917, for 150 Cedar Poles. Specifications may be obtained from the City Purchasing Agent, to whom all tenders must be addressed, and marked on outside of envelope "Tender for Cedar Poles." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
W. GALT, City Purchasing Agent.

To Owners of Dogs
Notice is hereby given that proceedings will be taken against all owners of dogs who shall have failed to pay by Feb. 23, 1917, the annual tax on same for the current year. No further notice will be given delinquents.
L. E. GOWER, Collector.

NOTICE
Estate of Kate Williams, Late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased.
All persons having any claims against the Estate of the late Kate Williams, who died intestate on or about the 14th day of August, 1916, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 1917, after which date the Administrator will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.
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EMPHASIZING THRIFT AND MORE PRODUCTION

R. F. Green, M. P., Home From Ottawa, Tells of National Service Board Plans

R. F. Green, M. P. for Kootenay, arrived home yesterday from Ottawa to spend the long recess which has been taken while the Premier and his colleagues are attending the Imperial Conference in London.

Mr. Green, as the British Columbia representative on the National Service Board, has been devoting a good deal of time to the work which entails upon him. It is the intention of the commission, he announces, to so extend its work as to ensure that every man not with the colors and every woman and child in the Dominion may do their bit towards the prosecution of the war.

The need for greater production is strongly emphasized by Mr. Green. To meet the call for labor to assist in the putting in and the harvesting of the crops he says the city dwellers will have to help, and they will probably be supplemented by labor from the other side of the international boundary.

Leagues are to be formed in each province in which each organization, society and individual will be enrolled in the great campaign for economy, thrift and production. The gospel of conserving the financial strength of the nation is to be brought home to the nation and to the individual, Mr. Green says, and in a few days he will start this work in British Columbia. On the prairies a start has already been made. In this connection Mr. Green said: "The National Service Leagues will not in any way supersede the magnificent work the various patriotic societies and other bodies are now doing. On the contrary, they will work with those organizations and in behalf of the great general idea of getting the best service. It is not necessary at this time, I should imagine, to convince the people of the utmost importance of economy and thrift in these times of high prices."

"Such economy practised now will prove of immense advantage to the country. If the people can be imbued with the imperative necessity of saving, even in a small way, and thus be in a position to invest their savings in war bonds, it will mean the supplying of the millions required to meet the enormous outlays occasioned by the war, will keep the country's financial position secure and, viewed from a selfish standpoint, provide a profitable investment for funds which will be needed by the country."

"It seems hardly necessary to emphasize the necessity of greater production of foodstuffs. The crying need is for more and more, and a concerted effort by those who are in a position to do so to increase their output will mean success."

THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Feb. 23—5 a. m.—The ocean low barometer area has moved southward and cold weather is general in B. C. and considerable snow has fallen on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and snow has extended to Southern Oregon. Zero temperatures continue from Cariboo and Kootenay eastward to Lake Superior.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.99; temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; minimum, 24; wind, 54; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E. S. E.; snow, 3.2; fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.14; temperature, maximum yesterday, 33; minimum, 4 below; wind, W.; clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 2; minimum, 14 below; calm; clear.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 34; minimum, 16; calm; clear.
Tatook—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 30; wind, 18 miles E. S. E.; snow, 22; clear.
Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 30; wind, 6 miles S. E.; snow, 25; snowing.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 29; wind, 8 miles N. E.; cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 43; wind, 10 miles S. W.; clear.

Temperature.
Max. Min.
Nanaimo (Entrance Island).....30 .. 18
Penticton.....18 .. 10
Cranbrook.....13 .. 10
Calgary.....27 .. 10
Edmonton.....22 .. 10
Qu'Appelle.....2 .. 10
Winnipeg.....2 .. 10
Toronto.....33 .. 20
Ottawa.....29 .. 15
Montreal.....15 .. 10
St. John.....23 .. 23
Halifax.....24 .. 24

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:
Temperature.
Highest.....31
Lowest.....27
Average.....29
Minimum on grass.....29
Snow, 3.6 inches.
Bright sunshine, 42 min.
General state of weather, snowing.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.
Victoria Observatory.
Feb. 14 to 20.
Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 17 hours and 12 minutes; rain, 16 inch; snow, 7 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 17th; lowest, 26 on 20th.
Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours and 6 minutes; rain, 22

inch; snow, 7.5 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 16th; lowest, 22 on 20th.
Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 16 hours; rain, 24 inch; snow, 4 inches; highest temperature, 45 on 17th; lowest, 27 on 20th.
New Westminster—Rain, 39 inch; snow, 11 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 16th; lowest, 29 on 20th.
Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 20 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 19 inch; snow, 2 inches; highest temperature, 40 on 16th; lowest, 2 on 20th.
Penticton—Highest temperature, 42 on 16th; lowest, 11 on 20th.
Grand Forks—Highest temperature, 41 on 16th; lowest, 15 on 19th.
Nelson—Highest temperature, 41 on 16th; lowest, 15 on 17th.
Cranbrook—Highest temperature, 37 on 17th; lowest, 5 on 20th.
Barkerville—Snow, 2.0 inches; highest temperature, 40 on 15th; lowest, 16 below on 20th.
Prince Rupert—Rain, 1.04 inch; snow, 4 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 15th; lowest, 14 on 20th.
Atlin—Snow, 1.7 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 14th; lowest, 18 below on 19th.
Dawson—Snow, 1.2 inch; highest temperature, 33 on 15th; lowest, 26 below on 19th.

SEEK TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN CLUB

Annual Meeting of Canadian Club Members Considers Changes in Policy

The officers of the Canadian Club of Victoria elected last evening were as follows: Honorary president, His Hon. Lieut.-Governor Barnard; president, John Cochrane; 1st vice-president, W. J. Shortt; 2nd vice-president, A. E. Foreman; literary secretary, Kenneth Ferguson; honorary secretary-treasurer, Frank J. Sehl; committee, R. W. Perry, Wm. Agnew, B. C. Nicholas, R. W. Douglas, D. O'Connell, and W. J. Sargent, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.

The attendance was small compared with the membership, and the meeting devoted itself to consider the best means of popularizing the objects for which the club is established.

More frequent meetings, with local speakers when there are not distinguished persons passing through the city, seemed to be favored by the members, some thinking that the gatherings should be at least every month. R. W. Perry remarked that a city of this size should have a membership of 400, and in so doing the financial difficulties would be largely removed.

R. W. Douglas referred to experiences elsewhere with Canadian Clubs, as did Frederick Nation, both stating that the clubs on the prairies had various ways to sustain interest. Mr. Douglas observed that the Winnipeg club had recently been addressed by a number of returned soldiers, and the club agreed to adopt the policy here.

W. J. Shortt referred to the success of the Rotary Club with weekly midday meetings, and also discussed the possibility of evening meetings on educational subjects.

Mr. Cochrane, who presided, said past experience showed that if the executive picked a suitable man he would command the attendance at the luncheons.

The executive committee was empowered to act on a suggestion of the literary secretary, and also advocated in a letter from Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, to take the best steps to encourage the study of Canadian history in the schools, the scheme having the hearty co-operation of M. B. Jackson, a former president, and R. E. Gosnell. In response to a suggestion from the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who desired to see the teaching somewhat crystallized in its character along definite lines, a conference will be held with the school principals on the matter.

On Mr. Jackson's suggestion, it is probable that a debate on Imperial Federation will be held in the near future, also on similar topics.

The report and financial statement of the secretary-treasurer and of the literary secretary were received and adopted. In Mr. Sehl's report it was stated: "Thirty-five new members were elected during the year under review. The club closes the year with a total actual paid-up membership of 206 and there are 52 members in His Majesty's forces overseas, whose membership is being kept up by the club. The following guests were entertained by the club: Rev. Hugh Ross, Sir Rider Haggard, Major Dr. A. P. Proctor, Francis R. Jones, Sir George E. Foster, Hon. Martin Burrell and Sir Herbert Ames. An evening lecture was also held in the Victoria Central School Auditorium on which occasion Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., gave a very instructive address on 'The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial.'"

Thanks were accorded to George McCandless for auditing the books, and to the stores which had sold tickets for the luncheons. The deaths of the following members during the year were reported: J. H. Austin, F. A. Bennett, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, Capt. W. D. Holmes, W. K. Houston, Wm. Humphrey, Mr. Justice Irving, M. Lamont, Hon. W. J. Macdonald, James McDougall and Bishop Scriven.

Commencing with a balance of \$61.75, the total receipts had been \$852.98, and a balance of \$123.40 was carried forward.

Mr. Ferguson, the literary secretary, in his report, mentioned the desirability of the club considering the publication of the addresses made before the club. He suggested that the club should empower the executive to endeavor to stimulate the interest in Canadian history in the schools by offering suitable prizes. The former matter was referred to the executive. The latter is alluded to above.

A vote of thanks was ordered to be forwarded to the retiring president, J. A. Marn. Thanks were also conveyed to Mr. Sehl.

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Silk Marquiesette, 3 pieces only, in shades of sky, mauve and brown; width 42 inches. Regular \$2.00 value. **Saturday morning, yard 69c**

Ladies' Long Lisle Gloves Saturday Pair 25c

Ladies' Long Lisle Gloves, in black and tan, 18-button length, with two-dome fasteners; sizes 5½, 6 and 6½. Regular value 50c pair. **Saturday morning, per pair 25c**

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